

**For:** Alaska, Florida, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico State and County Offices

**Announcing the FY 2012 Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment (RTCP) Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers in Alaska, Hawaii, and Insular Areas**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 FY 2012 RTCP Program**

**A Background**

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 authorized the RTCP Program for geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers for each FY through 2012, subject to appropriated funding. The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012 provides \$1.996 million in funding for the RTCP Program for FY 2012.

The RTCP Program provides monetary assistance to geographically disadvantaged farmers and ranchers by reimbursing them for a portion of the transportation costs associated with their agricultural commodities, or transported inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity. The RTCP Program payments offset a portion of the high costs of transporting inputs for production purposes and transporting products to markets.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices of the availability of the RTCP Program for FY 2012.

**C Contact**

If there are questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact Dani Cooke by either of the following:

- e-mail to [danielle.cooke@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:danielle.cooke@wdc.usda.gov)
- telephone at 202-720-1919.

**D Application Period**

Producers must apply for RTCP Program payments for FY 2012 during the application period that will be announced in a subsequent notice.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2012	AK, FL, HI, and PR State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices:

- are immediately informed of the contents of this notice
- immediately publicize the contents of this notice by all available means
- are provided guidance on the contents of this notice
- see regulations at 7 CFR Part 755 and 2-SP for policy and procedure
- forward any RTCP Program questions to the National Office according to subparagraph 1 C.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- immediately notify producers, by all available means, of the RTCP Program, and the possible types of documentation that may be acceptable for documenting incurred FY 2012 eligible transportation costs
- forward questions about the contents of this notice to the State Office specialist.