

**§ 1400.211**

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following year such individual or the individual's estate must meet all necessary requirements in order to be determined to be "actively engaged in farming" for that year.

**§ 1400.211 Persons not considered to be actively engaged in farming.**

An individual or entity who does not satisfy all of the provisions of §§ 1400.202 through 1400.210 and a landowner who rents land to a farming operation for cash or a crop share guaranteed as to the amount of the commodity shall not be considered to be actively engaged in farming.

**§ 1400.212 Hybrid seed producers.**

The existence of a hybrid seed contract for a producer shall not be taken into account when making an actively engaged in farming determination with respect to such producer. However, such producer must satisfy all other applicable provisions of this part.

**Subpart D—Permitted Entities**

**§ 1400.301 Limitation on the number of entities through which an individual or entity may receive a payment and required notification.**

(a) An individual may receive a payment under a program specified in § 1400.1(a) either directly or indirectly from no more than three permitted entities. An individual who receives such a payment shall notify the county committee in the county in which such individual maintains a farming operation whether or not the farming operation is to be considered a permitted entity. An individual may only receive such payments as a result of a farming operation conducted by:

(1) The individual and by no more than two entities in which the individual holds a substantial beneficial interest; or

(2) No more than three entities in which the individual holds a substantial beneficial interest.

(b) Except for entities specified in paragraph (c) of this section, each entity entering into a contract or agreement under a program specified in § 1400.1(a) shall, by the date the contract or agreement is submitted to the county committee, notify in writing:

(1) Each individual or other entity that acquires or holds an interest in such entity of the requirements and limitations provided in this part; and

(2) The county committee of the name and social security number of each individual and the name and taxpayer identification number of each entity that holds or acquires a substantial beneficial interest in such entity.

(c) Entities shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section if, as determined by the Deputy Administrator:

(1) Because of the number of members of such entity no member is likely to have a substantial beneficial interest in such entity; and

(2) Such provisions would cause undue financial hardship on such entity.

(d)(1) An individual or entity that holds a substantial beneficial interest in more than the number of permitted entities specified in paragraph (a) of this section for which a contract or agreement has been submitted to the county committee shall notify the county committee in writing, in each county in which they conduct a farming operation, of those entities that shall be considered as permitted entities by a date as determined by the Deputy Administrator following the date the contract or agreement was submitted to the county committee.

(2) The remaining entities in which the individual or entity holds a substantial beneficial interest shall be notified that such entity is subject to reductions in the payments earned by the remaining entity. Such a reduction shall be made in an amount that bears the same relationship to the full payment that the individual's interest in the entity bears to all interests in the entity. The remaining entity's members shall have the opportunity to adjust among themselves their proportionate shares of the program benefits in the designated entity or entities before such reductions are made.

(e) If an individual or entity fails to make such a notification as specified in paragraph (d) of this section, all entities in which the individual or entity holds a substantial beneficial interest