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trees; vegetable and root stock including ginseng root; and aquaculture, including ornamental fish.

(b) Disaster benefits under this part are calculated based on the loss of value at the time of disaster, as determined by CCC.

(c) For aquaculture, disaster benefits under this part for aquacultural species are limited to those aquacultural species that were placed in the aquacultural facility by the producer. Disaster benefits under this part shall not be made available for aquacultural species that are growing naturally in the aquaculture facility. Disaster benefits under this part are limited to aquacultural species that were planted or seeded on property owned or leased by the producer where that land has readily identifiable boundaries, and over which the producer has total control of the waterbed and the ground under the waterbed. Producers who only have control over a column of water will not be eligible for disaster benefits under this part.

(d) For ornamental nursery crops, disaster benefits under this part are limited to ornamental nursery crops that were grown in a container or controlled environment for commercial sale on property owned or leased by the producer, and cared for and managed using good nursery growing practices. Indigenous crops are not eligible for benefits under this part.

(e) For Christmas trees, disaster benefits under this part are limited to losses that exceed 35 percent of the value of the Christmas trees present at the time of the disaster. Christmas tree producers seeking disaster assistance under this part must provide acreage data, dates of plantings and the quantity of trees planted on each date.

(f) For vegetable and root stock, disaster benefits under this part are limited to plants grown in a container or controlled environment for use as transplants or root stock by the producer for commercial sale or property owned or leased by the producer and managed using good rootstock or fruit and vegetable plant growing practices.

§ 1478.19 Other specialty crops.

(a) For turfgrass sod, disaster benefits under this subpart are limited to

turfgrass sod that would have matured and been harvested during 1999, when a disaster caused in excess of 35 percent of the expected production to die.

(b) For honey, disaster benefits under this part are limited to table and nontable honey produced commercially for human consumption. For calculating benefits, all honey is considered a single crop, regardless of type or variety of floral source or intended use.

(c) For maple sap, disaster benefits under this part are limited to maple sap produced on private property in a controlled environment by a commercial operator for sale as sap or syrup. The maple sap must be produced from trees that are: located on land the producer controls by ownership or lease; managed for production of maple sap; and are at least 30 years old and 12 inches in diameter.

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§ 1479.1 Applicability.

This subpart sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to flood assistance for Harney County, Oregon. Benefits will be provided to eligible producers in Harney County, Oregon, on land where flooding occurred during the 1999 crop year, and has been subject to flooding, one of the years 1994 through 1998.

§ 1479.2 Administration.

(a) This program shall be, to the extent practicable and to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this part, be administered in the same manner as the program provided for in 7

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CFR part 1478 utilizing the regulations effective in that part as of March 1, 2000.

(b) The program will be administered under the general supervision of the Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), and shall be carried out in the field by State and county Farm Service Agency (FSA) committees.

(c) State and county FSA committees and representatives do not have the authority to modify or waive any of the provisions of this part.

(d) The State FSA committee shall take any action required by this part that has not been taken by a county FSA committee. The State FSA committee shall also:

(1) Correct or require a county FSA committee to correct any action taken by such county FSA committee that is not in accordance with this part; and

(2) Require a county FSA committee to withhold taking or reverse any action that is not in accordance with this part.

(e) No delegation herein to a State or county FSA committee shall prevent the Deputy Administrator from determining any question arising under the program or from reversing or modifying any determination made by a State or county FSA committee.

(f) The Deputy Administrator may authorize the State and county committees to waive or modify deadlines or other program requirements in cases where lateness or failure to meet such other requirements does not adversely affect the operation of the program or when, in his or her discretion, it is determined that an exception should be allowed to provide for a more equitable distribution of benefits consistent with the goals of the program provided for in this part.

§ 1479.3 Definitions.

Terms in this part shall have the same meanings as those defined in §1478.1 of this chapter. In addition, for purposes of this part and notwithstanding any contrary definitions in part 718 of this title or part 1478 of this chapter:

Application means the Form CCC-454, which was previously used for the Flood Compensation Program formerly

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provided for in this chapter, which form shall now be used for the program provided for in this part. The CCC-454 shall be used to collect the information necessary to determine the total acres flooded for purposes of this program.

Calendar year 1999 means January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

Cropland means cropland as defined in part 718 of this chapter.

Forage means growing vegetation used for food for domestic animals.

NASS means the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

§ 1479.4 Application process.

(a) Producers must submit a completed application by the date established by the Deputy Administrator. The application and any supporting documentation shall be submitted to the county FSA office with administrative authority over a producer's eligible flooded land or to the county FSA office that maintains the farm records for the producer.

(b) Producers shall certify as to the accuracy of all the information being requested in the application, and provide any other information to CCC that the county FSA office or committee deems necessary to determine the producer's eligibility.

§ 1479.5 County committee determinations of general applicability.

(a) County committees shall determine whether land that is the subject of the application is land that has suffered flood-related production losses during calendar year 1999, and is at the same time land to which the following apply:

(1) It is land that otherwise would have been used for crops or for pasture and could not be used because it was inaccessible, incapable of production, or the production was unusable during CY 1999, due to flooding;

(2) The land was inaccessible, incapable of production, or the production was unusable any one of the years 1994 through 1998, due to flooding; and

(3) The land has, otherwise, a history of actual crop production or use as pastureland at some time since 1990.

(b) In making the determination called for in paragraph (a) of this section, the County committee shall use