

## § 729.209

Institute and, as appropriate, the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture if such institution possessed basic quota for the 1985 crop year or was authorized under this part at that time to market peanuts from the 1985 crop for quota purposes without incurring marketing penalties.

(b) *Amount of allocation.* The amount of quota allocated from the national reserve to an eligible institution shall not exceed the poundage quota allocated to the institution for the 1985 crop year and shall not exceed the quantity of peanuts that was exempted from payment of marketing penalties by such institution for the 1985 crop year, as applicable, except that the total pounds allocated for the 1991 crop to all institutions in the State shall be allocated so as not to exceed one-tenth of one percent of the poundage quota allocated to the State in which the respective institutions are located.

(c) *Limitation.* The quantity of peanuts marketed by such institution by use of the quota granted in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section shall not exceed the quantity needed for experimental and research purposes. The director of each such institution shall be responsible for providing information as needed to determine compliance with this section.

(d) *Quota for 1996 through 2002 crops.* For each institution with continuing eligibility for which a 1995 basic quota was determined in accordance with this section or its predecessor, a basic quota shall be established for the 1996 through 2002 crops in the same manner as for other farms within the State.

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### § 729.209 Tillable cropland limitation.

If any person owns a farm for which the basic quota exceeds an amount determined by multiplying the larger of the farm yield or the highest actual yield for the farm during the base period by the tillable cropland on the farm, the person shall take steps, such as the sale of quota, the purchase of tillable cropland, the permanent transfer of quota, or other similar means that will result in elimination of the

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excess. If such person fails to take such action, the farm's preliminary quota for the next year, and the basic quota permanently shall be reduced by the amount of the excess.

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### § 729.210 Determining a farm's effective quota.

The effective quota for a farm shall be the basic quota adjusted by:

(a) *Upward adjustment.* Adding the:

(1) The temporary seed quota allocated to the farm;

(2) Quota temporarily reapportioned to the farm; or

(3) Quota temporarily transferred to the farm by either lease, owner, or operator.

(b) *Downward adjustment.* Subtracting the quota:

(1) Temporarily transferred from the farm by either lease, owner or operator;

(2) Temporarily released; or

(3) Converted in the current year from the production of peanuts in accordance with part 704 of this chapter or similar program as determined by the Deputy Administrator.

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### § 729.211 Determination of farm yields.

(a) *Farm yield*—(1) *Quota farm in previous year.* The farm yield for the current year for a farm that was a quota farm in the previous year shall be the same as the farm yield established for the farm in the previous year.

(2) *Nonquota farm.* If a farm was a nonquota farm in the year preceding the current year and such farm becomes a quota farm in the current year, a farm yield shall be determined by the county committee if a farm yield has not been established previously for such farm. Such farm yield shall be determined on a fair and reasonable basis by the county committee after considering the farm yields that have been established on other similar farms in the same locality.

(b) *Reconstituted farms.* For reconstituted farms, the farm yield for such farm shall be:

(1) *Combination of quota farms.* For combined quota farms, the weighted

average of the farm yields for the tracts being combined.

(2) *Combinations of quota and nonquota farms.* For a combination of a quota and nonquota farm, the farm yield of the tract(s) with an established quota, even though a farm yield had been previously established for such nonquota tract(s).

(3) *Combination of nonquota farms.* For a combination of a nonquota farm, established by the county committee in the same manner as for farms under paragraph (a)(2) of this section, even though a farm yield had been previously established for the individual tracts.

(4) *Divisions.* For tracts resulting from the division of a farm, the same farm for each tract that results from the division as the farm yield for the parent farm, except that should one or more tracts within the divided farm have a previously established farm yield, the farm yield for such tract(s) shall be that previously established for such tract(s).

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**§ 729.212 Approval of farm yield and farm poundage quota and notice to farm operator.**

(a) *Approval.* Each farm yield, basic quota, and effective quota shall be determined under the supervision of, and approved by, the county committee of the county in which the farm is administratively located, subject to the concurrence of the State committee or a representative of the State committee.

(b) *Notice to farm operator.* (1) As soon as practicable after the basic quota or the effective quota is approved, an official notice of such quota shall be mailed to the farm operator.

(2) If the basic quota is reduced to zero for the current year, the county committee shall mail to the farm operator a notice of such determination.

(3) A revised notice of basic quota or effective quota shall be mailed to the farm operator as soon as possible after the county committee determines that an incorrect notice has been mailed, or the county committee takes an action which requires a revision of the previously determined quota.

(4) The notice to the operator shall constitute notice to all persons, including, but not limited to, any person who as operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper has an interest in the farm for which the quota is established.

(c) A failure to provide the notice provided for in paragraph (b) of this section shall not entitle any person to a quota to which they are otherwise entitled, unless otherwise provided in this part.

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**§ 729.213 Erroneous notice of effective farm poundage quota.**

If the official notice of effective quota issued for a farm erroneously stated a quota larger than the correct effective quota, the quota shown on the erroneous notice shall serve as the basis for marketing penalty computations for the farm for the current marketing year only if the county committee determines and the State Executive Director concurs that:

(a) *Extent of error.* The error was not so substantial as to place the operator on notice that such notice of quota was incorrect; and

(b) *Response to notice.* The operator, relying upon such notice and acting in good faith:

(1) Has made plans, or is engaged in activities, to produce the quota in the amount set forth on the erroneous notice (for example, land preparation; purchase of seed, fertilizer, and other production materials; or reducing the acreage of other crops); or

(2) Has planted the acreage of peanuts needed to produce the erroneous farm poundage quota.

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**§ 729.214 Transfer of quota by sale, lease, owner, or operator.**

Peanut quota may be transferred between eligible farms, or between separately owned tracts within a farm, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(a) *Basis of transfers.* A transfer of quota may be either permanent or temporary to the extent provided for in this section.