

Farm Service Agency, USDA

§ 759.12

FEDERAL REGISTER published on August 30, 1999. A producer who wishes to amend an application filed prior to February 12, 1999, may file an amended application by the deadline for new applications specified in § 759.4 of this part.

(c) To the extent that \$175 million is not sufficient to cover all claims under this part, claims filed on or before February 12, 1999, shall be paid in full for the eligible hogs and feeder pigs which were the subject of that claim. For claims filed after that date, the claims will be paid in the manner deemed appropriate by FSA to assure, to the extent practicable, that the claims are paid in the order in which they are filed, until the available funds are expended at which point no additional claims will be paid.

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§ 759.7 Appeals.

Any hog operation which is dissatisfied with a determination made with respect to this part may make a request for reconsideration or appeal of such determination in accordance with the appeal regulations set forth at part 11 of this title and part 780 of this title.

§ 759.8 Misrepresentation and scheme or device.

(a) A hog operation shall be ineligible to receive assistance under this program if it is determined by the State committee or the county committee to have:

(1) Adopted any scheme or device which tends to defeat the purpose of this program;

(2) Made any fraudulent representation; or

(3) Misrepresented any fact affecting a program determination.

(b) Any funds disbursed pursuant to this part to a hog operation engaged in a misrepresentation, scheme, or device, or to any other person as a result of the hog operation's actions, shall be refunded with interest together with such other sums as may become due. Any hog operation or person engaged in acts prohibited by this section and any hog operation or person receiving payment under this part shall be jointly and severally liable for any refund due under this section and for related

charges. The remedies provided in this part shall be in addition to other civil, criminal, or administrative remedies which may apply.

§ 759.9 Estates, trusts, and minors.

(a) Program documents executed by persons legally authorized to represent estates or trusts will be accepted only if such person furnishes evidence of the authority to execute such documents.

(b) A minor who is an otherwise eligible operator of a hog operation shall be eligible for assistance under this part only if such operation meets one of the following requirements:

(1) The minor establishes that the right of majority has been conferred on the minor by court proceedings or by statute;

(2) A guardian has been appointed to manage the minor's property and the applicable program documents are executed by the guardian; or

(3) A bond is furnished under which the surety guarantees any loss incurred for which the minor would be liable had the minor been an adult.

§ 759.10 Death, incompetency, or disappearance.

In the case of death, incompetency, disappearance or dissolution of a hog operation that is eligible to receive benefits in accordance with this part, such hog operation may receive such benefits.

§ 759.11 Maintaining records.

Hog operations making application for benefits under this program must maintain accurate records and accounts that will document that they meet all eligibility requirements specified herein and the number of head of slaughter hogs and feeder pigs sold during the marketing period. Such records and accounts must be retained for at least 3 years after the date of the cash payment to hog operations under this program.

§ 759.12 Refunds; joint and several liability.

(a) In the event there is a failure to comply with any term, requirement, or condition for payment arising under the application, or this part, and if any