

### Subpart B—Determination Of Acreage and Compliance

#### §718.101 Measurements.

(a) Measurement services include, but are not limited to, measuring land and crop areas, quantities of farm-stored commodities, and appraising the yields of crops when required for program administration purposes. The county committee shall provide measurement service if the producer requests such service and pays the cost, except that service shall not be provided to determine total acreage of a crop when the request is made:

(1) After the established final reporting date for the applicable crop except as provided in §718.103;.

(2) After the farm operator has furnished the county office production evidence when required for program administration purposes except as provided in this subpart; or

(3) In connection with a late-filed report of acreage, unless there is evidence of the existence and use made of the crop, the lack of the crop or a disaster condition affecting the crop.

(b) The acreage requested to be measured by staking and referencing shall not exceed the effective farm allotment for marketing quota crops or acreage of a crop that is limited to a specific number of acres to meet any program requirement.

(c) When a producer requests, pays for, and receives written notice that measurement services have been furnished, the measured acreage shall be guaranteed to be correct and used for all program purposes for the current year even though an error is later discovered in the measurement thereof, if the producer has taken action with an economic significance based on the measurement service, and the entire crop required for the farm was measured. If the producer has not taken action with an economic significance based on the measurement service, the producer shall be notified in writing that an error was discovered and the nature and extent of such error. In such cases, the corrected acreage will be used for determining program compliance for the current year.

(d) When a measurement service reveals acreage in excess of the per-

mitted acreage by more than the allowable tolerance, the producer must destroy the excess acreage and pay for an authorized employee of FSA to verify destruction, in order to keep the measurement service guarantee.

#### §718.102 Acreage reports.

(a) In order to be eligible for benefits, participants in the programs specified in paragraph (b)(1) through (3) of this section and those who are subject to the regulations cited in paragraph (b)(4) and (5) of this section must submit accurate information as required by these provisions.

(b)(1) Participants in the program authorized by part 1412 of this title must report the acreage of fruits and vegetables planted for harvest on a farm enrolled in such program;

(2) Participants in the programs authorized by parts 1421 and 1427 of this title must report the acreage planted to a commodity for harvest for which a marketing assistance loan or loan deficiency payment is requested; and

(3) Participants in the programs authorized by parts 704 and 1410 of this title must report the use of the land enrolled in such programs;

(4) Participants in the programs authorized by parts 723 and 1464 of this title must report the acreage planted to tobacco by kind on all farms that have an effective allotment or quota greater than zero; provided further that for burley tobacco each person who owns a farm for which a burley quota is established must report the acreage planted to burley tobacco, including instances in which the acres planted are zero acres; and

(5) Participants in the programs authorized by parts 729 and 1446 of this title must report the acreage planted to peanuts by type.

(c) The reports required under paragraph (a) of this section shall be timely filed by the farm operator, farm owner, or a duly authorized representative with the county committee by the final reporting date applicable to the crop as established by the county committee and State committee.

(d) Peanut producers shall provide the county office evidence of disposition of any peanuts that are kept on the farm, including: