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§ 777.6 Filing application for payment.

(a) Applications for payment shall be filed by the applicant with the county FSA office serving the county where the producer's farm is located for administrative purposes.

(b) An application for payment shall be filed as soon as practicable after the producer's eligibility has been established in accordance with § 777.5(a). Applications for payment must be filed no later than June 28, 1991.

§ 777.7 Report of acreage, production disposition, and indemnity payments.

(a) Eligible producers shall report, in accordance with instructions issued by the Deputy Administrator, the acreage, production, and disposition of all eligible crops produced in 1990 on an acreage for which an application for a disaster payment is filed. Such production reports must be filed no later than the date established by the Deputy Administrator.

(b) If there has been a disposition of crop production through commercial channels, the eligible producer must furnish documentary evidence of such disposition or provide FSA the authority necessary in order to verify the information provided on the report. Such authority includes access to producers' disposition documents of warehousemen and processors. Acceptable evidence shall include, but not limited to, such items as the original or a copy of commercial receipts, CCC loan documents, settlement sheets, or records of sugar production.

(c) If there has been a disposition of crop production other than through commercial channels, such as seed cane, the eligible producer must furnish such documentary evidence as the county ASC committee determines to be necessary in order to verify the information provided by the producer.

§ 777.8 Availability of funds.

In the event the total amount of all claims submitted exceeds \$11 million, each payment shall be reduced by a uniform percentage.

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§ 777.9 Misrepresentation, scheme and device, and fraud.

(a) If FSA determines that any producer has erroneously represented any fact or has adopted, participated in, or benefited from, any scheme or device which has the effect of defeating, or is designed to defeat the purpose of this part, such producer shall not be eligible for disaster payments under this part and all payments previously made to any such producer shall be refunded to FSA. The amount paid to FSA shall include any interest and other amounts as determined in accordance with this part.

(b) If any misrepresentation, scheme or device, or practice has been employed for the purpose of causing FSA to make a payment which FSA under this part otherwise would not make, all amounts paid by FSA to any such producer shall be refunded to FSA together with interest and other amounts as determined in accordance with this part, and no further disaster payments shall be made to such producer by FSA.

(c) If the county ASC committee determines that any producer has adopted or participated in any practice which tends to defeat the purpose of the program established in accordance with this part, the county committee shall withhold or require to be refunded all or part of the payments which otherwise would be due the producer under this part.

§ 777.10 Refunds to CCC.

(a) In the event that there is a failure to comply with any term, requirement, or condition for payment made in accordance with this part, all such payments made to the producer shall be refunded to FSA, together with interest.

(b) Producers must refund to FSA any excess payments made by FSA.

(c) In the event that the loss of production was established as a result of erroneous information provided by any person to the county FSA office or was erroneously computed by such office, the loss of production shall be re-computed and the payment due shall be corrected as necessary. Any refund of payments which are determined to be required as a result of such re-computation shall be remitted to FSA.