

to be used for base purposes for that crop year in determining the 4-year average, but shall not select both the initial commodity and subsequent commodity.

(e)(1) An owner may increase the eligible acres of soybeans and other oilseeds on a farm by reducing the contract acreage determined in accordance with paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section for one or more covered commodities on an acre-for-acre basis, except that the total base acreage for soybeans and each other oilseed on the farm may not exceed the four-year average of each oilseed determined under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section.

(2) For the purpose of determining a 4-year average acreage for a farm under this section, any crop year in which a covered commodity was not planted shall not be excluded.

(f) For the purposes of this section, acreage planted, or prevented from being planted, to popcorn shall be considered as acreage planted to corn.

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§ 1412.202 Failure to make election.

If an owner fails to make an election for establishing base acres on a farm by April 1, 2003 in accordance with § 1412.201, that owner shall be deemed to have made the election to determine all base acres for all covered commodities on the farm as set forth in § 1412.201(a)(2).

§ 1412.203 Base acres and Conservation Reserve Program.

(a) Subject to paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, eligible producers may, at the beginning of each fiscal year, adjust the base acres for covered commodities and peanuts with respect to the farm by the number of crop acreage base acres protected by a Conservation Reserve Program contract entered into under section 1231 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (1985 Act) that expired or was voluntarily terminated on or after May 13, 2002.

(b) Subject to paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, eligible producers may, at the beginning of each fiscal year, adjust the base acres for covered commodities and peanuts with respect to the farm by the number of cropland

acres reduced by a producer on a CCC-approved standard, uniform form designated by CCC in order to enroll such acres in a conservation reserve program contract entered into under section 1231 of the 1985 Act. Eligible producers may adjust base acres only when the Conservation Reserve Program contract entered into under section 1231 of the 1985 Act expires or is voluntarily terminated on or after May 13, 2002.

(c) Subject to paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, if neither paragraphs (a) nor (b) of this section apply, the Deputy Administrator may allow eligible producers to adjust base acres for covered commodities and peanuts with respect to the farm in a manner determined acceptable by the Deputy Administrator when a Conservation Reserve Program contract entered into under section 1231 of the 1985 Act expires or is voluntarily terminated on or after May 13, 2002.

(d) The total base acreage on a farm shall not exceed the limitation in accordance with § 1412.204.

(e) Adjustments to base acreage on a farm in accordance with this section must be completed by no later than April 1 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year the conservation reserve program contract expired or was voluntarily terminated.

(f) For the fiscal year in which an adjustment to base acres under this section is made, the owner of the farm shall elect to receive either direct payments and counter-cyclical payments with respect to the base acres added to the farm under this section or a prorated payment under the conservation reserve contract, but not both.

§ 1412.204 Limitation of total base acreage on a farm.

(a) The sum of the following shall not exceed the total DCP cropland acreage on the farm, plus approved double-cropped acreage for the farm:

(1) The sum of all base acres established for the farm in accordance with this subpart, plus

(2) Any base acres established for the farm for peanuts in accordance with subpart G of this part, plus