

§ 1437.103

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significantly from the previous crop years, as determined by CCC, producers may not receive an assigned yield and will receive a zero credited yield, unless producers provide:

(i) Detailed documentation of production costs, acres planted, and yield for the crop year for which the producer is requesting assistance, or

(ii) If CCC determines those records are inadequate, proof that the eligible crop, had it been harvested, could have been marketed at a reasonable price.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (h)(4) of this section an assigned yield may be used if:

(i) The planted acreage for the crop has been inspected by a third party acceptable to CCC, or

(ii) The FSA county executive director, with the concurrence of the FSA state executive director, makes a recommendation for an exemption from the requirements and such recommendation is approved by CCC.

(6) A zero credited yield will be used to the extent provided for in paragraph (i) of this section.

(i) A zero credited yield will be placed in the actual production history database for each crop year, following the crop year containing an assigned yield, for which producers do not certify a report of production. A zero credited yield may be replaced with an actual yield by providing a certification of production and production records for the applicable crop year in accordance with §1437.7.

(j) An approved yield is calculated as the simple average of a minimum of four, not to exceed a maximum of 10 consecutive crop year yields for the crops, or as determined by CCC and as provided in this section.

(1) If, for one or more actual production history crop years used to establish the approved yield, the actual or appraised yield is less than 65 percent of the current crop year T-yield due to losses incurred in a disaster year, as determined by CCC, producers may request CCC replace the applicable yield with a yield equal to 65 percent of the current crop year T-yield.

(2) If approved yields were calculated for any of the 1995 through 2000 crop years, and subsequently in that period production was not certified, producers

may request CCC replace the missing yields for such years with yields equal to the higher of 65 percent of the current crop year T-yield or the missing crop years actual yield.

(3) If producers add land in the farming operation and do not have available production records for the added land CCC will calculate an approved yield for the new unit by utilizing the actual production history yields for the existing unit. In the event the crop suffers a loss greater than 50 percent of the initial approved yield for the crop year and unit acreage has increased by more than 75 percent of the historical average acreage, CCC may adjust the approved yield, as determined by CCC.

(k) If a producer is a new producer, the approved yield may be based on unadjusted T-Yields or a combination of actual yields and unadjusted T-Yields. A new producer is a person who has not been actively engaged in farming for a share of the production of the eligible crop in the administrative county for more than two APH crop years. Formation or dissolution of an entity which includes individuals with more than two APH crop years of production history during the base period does not qualify the new entity as a new producer for APH determination purposes.

(l) If producers qualify as a new producer and have produced the crop for 1 or 2 crop years, producers must provide to CCC at the administrative FSA office serving the area in which the crop is located, a certification and records of production for those crop years.

(m) Further adjustments may be made as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this program.

§1437.103 Determining payments for low yield.

(a) Except to the extent that the loss calculation provisions of other subparts apply, and subject to limitations set out elsewhere in this part and in this title and to the availability of funds, payments under this part shall be made on eligible crops with eligible losses by:

(1) Multiplying the total eligible acreage planted to the eligible crop by

the producers share, and subject to provisions for specific crops provided elsewhere in this part;

(2) Multiplying the product of paragraph (a)(1) of this section by 50 percent of the approved yield per acre for the commodity for the producer.

(3) Subtracting net production of the total eligible acreage from the product of paragraph (a)(2) of this section;

(4) Multiplying the difference calculated under paragraph (a)(3) of this section by the final payment price calculated under §1437.11, and then

(5) Subtracting the value of salvage and secondary use.

(b) Further adjustments may be made as needed to accomplish the purposes and goals of the program.

§ 1437.104 Honey.

(a) Honey production eligible for benefits under this part includes table and non-table honey produced commercially.

(b) All of a producer's honey will be considered a single crop, regardless of type or variety of floral source or intended use.

(c) The crop year for honey production is the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

(d) In addition to filing a report of acreage in accordance with §1437.7, honey producers must provide a record of colonies to CCC. The report of colonies must be filed before the crop year for which producers seek to maintain coverage. The report of colonies shall include:

(1) The address of the producer's headquarters and FSA farm serial number, if available;

(2) Names and shares of each person sharing in the honey produced from the unit;

(3) The number of all colonies of bees belonging to the unit;

(4) The names of counties in which colonies of bees are located as of the date of the report; and

(5) A certification of the number of colonies reported including all colonies from which production is expected.

(e) The honey unit shall consist of all the producer's bee colonies, regardless of location.

(f) Producers must designate a FSA office as the control office for the

honey operation. Producers must complete the following actions only in the control office:

(1) File an application for coverage;

(2) File a report of colonies;

(3) Report total unit production; and

(4) Request to change a unit's control office.

(g) Actions that may be taken in any Administrative FSA office includes:

(1) Designating or selecting another control office; or

(2) Filing a notice of loss in accordance with §1437.10.

(h) Producers must notify the control office designated in accordance with paragraph (f) of this section within 30 calendar days of the date of:

(1) Any changes in the total number of colonies; and

(2) The movement of any colonies into any additional counties.

(i) Payments will be based on the amount of losses for this community in excess of a 50 percent loss level at a rate determined in accord with this part and the authorizing legislation.

§ 1437.105 Maple sap.

(a) NAP assistance for maple sap is limited to maple sap produced on private property for sale as sap or syrup. Eligible maple sap must be produced from trees that:

(1) Are located on land the producer controls by ownership or lease;

(2) Are managed for production of maple sap;

(3) Are at least 30 years old and 12 inches in diameter; and

(4) Have a maximum of 4 taps per tree according to the tree's diameter.

(b) The crop year for maple sap production is the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

(c) If producers file an application for coverage in accordance with §1437.6, tree acreage containing trees from which maple sap is produced or is to be produced must be reported to CCC no later than the beginning of the crop year.

(d) In addition to the applicable records required under §1437.7, producers must report the:

(1) Total number of eligible trees on the unit;

(2) Average size and age of producing trees; and