

For: State and County Offices

TAP Sequestration Action

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Budget Control Act passed by Congress in 2011 **requires** USDA to implement reductions of 7.3 percent to TAP in the new FY that begins October 1, 2014.

Producers who have suffered eligible TAP losses on or after September 30, 2011, through September 30, 2014, must complete **all applicable TAP program requirements** outlined in this notice on or before September 30, 2014, or Congressionally mandated payment reductions will apply. No county register or producer online self-service tool is available for this program. Producers are encouraged to contact their FSA County Office to begin the CCC-899 process as soon as possible for this program.

B Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices:

- of the TAP program requirements that must be met on or before September 30, 2014, to avoid the 7.3 percent payment sequester
- that if CCC-899's, Part E, is not approved by the COC by COB September 30, 2014, the sequestration reduction rate of 7.3 percent is applicable.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2015	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Actions

A County Office Action

To avoid sequestration of TAP payments for tree, bush, or vine losses that occurred on or after October 1, 2011, and before September 30, 2014, County Offices shall:

- immediately inform producers, they must provide their administrative County Office, a **signed** CCC-899, TAP application, as listed in 1-TAP (Rev. 4), paragraph 61 A, **as soon as possible**, because field visits **must** be completed no later than September 30, 2014
- perform field visits to verify the total determined number of actual trees in the stand, number of actual trees lost/damaged, acres in stand, and acres for payment, according to 1-TAP (Rev. 4), paragraph 63
- ensure that CCC-899, Part E, COC Approval or Disapproval of TAP Loss and Acres for Payment, has been **signed and dated** by COC member, or their designated representative, on or before September 30, 2014.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that all County Offices in their State are notified of and comply with the actions in subparagraph A.