



Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Program Fruit, Vegetable and Wild Rice Provisions

OVERVIEW

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill) authorized the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) Program and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Program, which are administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). ARC/PLC provides revenue and price loss payments to eligible producers for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

Producers who participate in ARC/PLC are subject to an acre-for-acre payment reduction when fruits, vegetables and wild rice (FAV/Wild Rice) are planted on the base acres of a farm.

APPLICABLE CROPS

FAV/Wild Rice planting provisions apply to the following commodities:

- Fruits (including nuts);
- Vegetables, other than mung beans and pulse crops (dry peas, lentils and chickpeas) and;
- Wild rice

FAV/WILD RICE PLANTING PROVISIONS ON BASE ACREAGE

In general, planting and harvesting FAV/Wild Rice on ARC/PLC payment acreage is subject to an acre-for-acre payment reduction when more than 15 percent of the base acres of a farm enrolled in ARC using the county coverage or PLC are planted to FAV/Wild Rice; or when more than 35 percent of base acres of a farm enrolled in ARC using individual coverage are planted to FAV/Wild Rice.

DOUBLE-CROPPING EXCEPTION

ARC/PLC payment acres are not reduced for FAV/Wild Rice planted under the double-cropping exception.

FAV/Wild Rice may be double-cropped with a covered commodity. The farm must be in a county that is included as a region approved for double-cropping covered commodities with FAV/Wild Rice. These regions are established by FSA state committees and will be published in the Federal Register.

FAV/WILD RICE PLANTING PROVISIONS ON NON-BASE ACREAGE

Planting FAV/Wild Rice on acres that are not considered base acres will not result in payment reductions.

FAV/WILD RICE PLANTING PROVISIONS FOR NON ARC/PLC FARMS

If a farm is eligible to participate in ARC/PLC, but is not enrolled in ARC/PLC for a particular year, then:

- Unlimited FAV/Wild Rice can be planted and harvested for that year;
- The farm will not receive any ARC/PLC payments for the applicable year;
- The farm may be enrolled in ARC/PLC in succeeding years and be eligible for ARC/PLC benefits and;
- Production of loan commodities from the farm is eligible for marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on FAV/Wild Rice rules or other ARC/PLC program matters, please contact your local FSA county office or USDA Service Center, or visit FSA's website at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

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