# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250

For: State and County Offices

#### **2008 Farms With Errors**

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### 1 Overview

#### A Background

When analyzing the County Office compliance data files that were uploaded to the mainframe, errors were discovered on the detail record for some farms. Shares were duplicated or dropped, which resulted in shares exceeding 100 percent and/or shares that do **not** equal 100 percent. It was determined that the errors occurred during transmission. This does **not** mean County Office records are **not** correct; however, the errors may continue in some instances. County Offices are **required** to update automated FSA-578's for farms with errors to retransmit the data to correct the problem.

#### **B** Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices that:

- to correct farms with errors the FSA-578 must be updated
- a report titled, "2008 FSA-578 Farms With Errors", by State, County, and FSN has been posted on the Intranet
- County Offices shall notify the State Compliance Specialist that automated FSA-578's have been updated by **January**, **16**, **2009**
- State Compliance Specialist shall e-mail the National Office that automated FSA-578's have been updated in **all** counties by **January 20, 2009**
- future notifications of farms with errors will be provided to State Compliance Specialists.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2009	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

# 2 2008 FSA-578 Farms With Errors Report

## A Accessing the Report

The 2008 FSA-578 Farms With Errors Report is available at http://dc.ffasintranet.usda.gov/farmbill/ccc/default.htm.

# **B** Updating Automated FSA-578's

County Office FSA-578 compliance files are correct; the errors occurred during transmission. However, to correct these errors on the mainframe, FSA-578's **must** be updated for **each** farm identified on the 2008 FSA-578 Farms With Errors Report to trigger a retransmission of the correct data.

# 3 Action

### A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- ensure that County Offices are **immediately** notified of the contents of this notice
- notify the National Office when **all** automated FSA-578's have been updated for all counties in the State
- e-mail notification of completion to Jantrice Williams at **jantrice.williams@wdc.usda.gov** by COB **January 20, 2009**.

### **B** County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- update automated FSA-578's for **each** farm identified on the 2008 FSA-578 Farms With Errors Report for their respective counties
- notify the State Compliance Specialist by COB **January 16, 2009**, that updates have been completed.