

§ 1447.102

payments available to eligible producers of 2000-crop quota and additional peanuts.

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§ 1447.102 Administration.

(a) *Responsibility.* The Farm Service Agency (FSA), will administer this part under the general direction and supervision of the Administrator, FSA, or the Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), as applicable. In the field, these regulations shall be carried out by State and county Farm Service Agency committees.

(b) *Limitation of authority.* A State or county committee or its employees or representatives, or any marketing association or its employees or representatives, may not modify or waive any of the provisions of this part or any amendment or supplement to it.

(c) *Supervisory authority.* Delegation of authority contained in this part shall not preclude the Administrator, FSA, the Executive Vice President, CCC, or a designee of such person from determining any questions arising under the regulations or from reversing or modifying any determinations made pursuant to such delegation.

§ 1447.103 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the definitions and provisions of parts 718, 719, 729, 780, 790, 791, 793, 1402, 1403, 1407, 1421, 1422, 1446 and 1498 of this title are incorporated and shall apply except where the context or subject matter or provisions of the regulations in this part otherwise requires or provides. References contained in this subpart to other parts of this chapter or title include any subsequent amendments to those referenced parts. Unless the context indicates otherwise, any reference to the Executive Vice President of CCC shall also be read to mean any persons designated by the Executive Vice President. The definitions in this section shall be applicable for all purposes of administering the 1999 Peanut Marketing Assistance Program. Unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires, the following words and phrases as used in this part and in all related instructions and documents shall have the following meanings:

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CCC means the Commodity Credit Corporation, an agency and instrumentality of the United States within the United States Department of Agriculture.

County committee means the local FSA county committee.

Crop year means the calendar year in which a crop is planted.

Deputy Administrator means the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, Farm Service Agency (FSA), or a designee.

FSA means the Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture.

Planted acres means land in which seed has been placed, appropriate for the crop and planting method, at a correct depth, into a seedbed that has been properly prepared for the planting method and production practice normal to the area as determined by the county committee.

Producer means a producer as defined in part 718 of this title.

Secretary means the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Total production means, for purposes of calculating assistance payments under this part, the total production eligible for payment, calculated as the sum of acres planted times the established farm yield or highest actual yield for the current crop year or the previous 3 crop years, whichever is greater.

United States means all 50 States of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam.

USDA means the United States Department of Agriculture.

§ 1447.104 Producer eligibility.

(a) Producers of quota and/or additional peanuts in the United States will be eligible to receive benefits under this part provided their share in the planted acreage of such peanuts is greater than zero.

(b) Payments may be made to an eligible producer who is now deceased or is a dissolved entity if a representative who currently has authority to enter into a contract for the producer signs

the Peanut Marketing Assistance Program Payment Application and Summary (FSA-1043). Proof of authority to sign for the deceased producer or dissolved entity must be provided. If a producer is now a dissolved general partnership or joint venture, all members of the general partnership or joint venture at the time of dissolution or their duly authorized representatives must sign the application for payment

§ 1447.105 Time for filing application.

(a) Applications for benefits under this part must be filed on or after October 2, 2000, but not later than the close of business on February 1, 2001, in the county FSA office serving the county where the producer's farm is located for administrative purposes.

(b) The Deputy Administrator may grant general exceptions to these deadlines for filing applications.

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§ 1447.106 Payment rate.

(a) *Payment rate for quota peanut production.* The payment rate for quota peanuts under this part is \$30.50 per ton.

(b) *Payment rate for additional peanut production.* The payment rate for additional peanuts under this part is \$16.00 per ton.

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§ 1447.107 Calculation of payment.

(a) *Calculating producer's share of peanuts produced or considered produced on a farm.* The amount of peanuts produced or considered produced by a producer on a farm, for which the producer's share in the acreage planted to peanuts is greater than zero, is the product of:

- (1) The number of acres planted to peanuts on the farm, times
- (2) The producer's percent share in the acres planted, times
- (3) The highest yield from the following choices:
 - (i) The established farm yield,
 - (ii) The actual yield for any of the 1997, 1998 or 1999 crop years,
 - (iii) The actual yield for the 2000 crop year.

(b) *Determination of quota or additional peanut payment rate.* A producer's eligibility for payments at the quota rate and at the additional rate will be computed separately. A producer, within the quantity limit determined under paragraph (a) of this section, may claim payments at the quota payment rate to the extent that it is determined that the producer used a quota to market the peanuts or was prevented from doing so because of conditions beyond the producer's control. The producer's eligibility shall, otherwise, be only at the additional peanut payment rate.

(c) *Calculating producer's total assistance payment—(1) Assistance payment for quota peanuts.* A producer's assistance payment for quota peanuts is the product of the assistance rate for quota peanuts set forth in §1447.106(a) times the sum of the amount of quota pounds eligible for payment for each farm as determined under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

(2) *Assistance payment for additional peanuts.* A producer's assistance payment for additional peanuts is the product of the assistance rate for additional peanuts set forth in §1447.106(b) times the sum of the amount of additional pounds eligible for payment for each farm as determined in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

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§ 1447.108 [Reserved]

§ 1447.109 Assignment of payments.

Payments made under this part may be assigned in accordance with the provisions of part 1404 of this chapter.

§ 1447.110 Miscellaneous provisions.

(a) A person may be denied payments under this part if it is determined by the State or county committee or an official of FSA that such person has:

- (1) Adopted any scheme or other device that tends to defeat the purpose of a program operated under this part;
- (2) Made any fraudulent representation with respect to such program; or
- (3) Misrepresented any fact affecting a program determination.

(b) In the event there is a failure to comply with any term, requirement, or condition for payment or assistance