§ 760.809 Eligible damaging conditions.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, to be eligible for benefits under this part the loss of the crop, or reduction in quality, or prevented planting must be due to damaging weather or related conditions as defined in §760.802.

(b) Benefits are not available under this part for any losses in quantity or quality, or prevented planting due to:

(1) Poor farming practices;

(2) Poor management decisions; or

(3) Drifting herbicides.

(c) With the exception of paragraph (d) of this section, in all cases, the eligible damaging condition must have directly impacted the specific crop or crop acreage during its planting or growing period.

(d) If FSA has determined that there has been an eligible loss of surface irrigation water due to drought and such loss of surface irrigation water impacts eligible crop acreage, FSA may approve assistance to the extent permitted by section 760.814.


(a) To receive benefits under this part, the county committee must determine that because of eligible damaging weather or related condition specifically impacting the crop or crop acreage, the participant with respect to the 2005, 2006, or 2007 crop:

(1) Was prevented from planting a crop;

(2) Sustained a loss in excess of 35 percent of the expected production of a crop; or

(3) Sustained a loss in excess of 35 percent of the value for value loss crops.

(b) Qualifying losses under this part do not include losses:

(1) For the 2007 crop, those acres planted, or in the case of prevented planting, would have been planted, on or after February 28, 2007;

(2) That are determined by FSA to be the result of poor management decisions, poor farming practices, or drifting herbicides;

(3) That are the result of the failure of the participant to re-seed or replant the same crop in the county where it is customary to re-seed or replant after a loss;

(4) That are not as a result of a damaging weather or a weather related condition specifically impacting the crop or crop acreage;

(5) To crops not intended for harvest in crop year 2005, 2006, or 2007;

(6) Of by-products resulting from processing or harvesting a crop, such as cottonseed, peanut shells, wheat, or oat straw;

(7) To home gardens;

(8) That are a result of water contained or released by any governmental, public, or private dam or reservoir project if an easement exists on the acreage affected for the containment or release of the water; or

(9) If losses could be attributed to conditions occurring outside of the applicable crop year growing season.

(c) Qualifying losses under this part for nursery stock will not include losses:

(1) For the 2007 crop, that nursery inventory acquired on or after February 28, 2007;

(2) Caused by a failure of power supply or brownouts;

(3) Caused by the inability to market nursery stock as a result of lack of compliance with State and local commercial ordinances and laws, quarantine, boycott, or refusal of a buyer to accept production;

(4) Caused by fire unless directly related to an eligible natural disaster;
(5) Affecting crops where weeds and other forms of undergrowth in the vicinity of the nursery stock have not been controlled; or
(6) Caused by the collapse or failure of buildings or structures.
(d) Qualifying losses under this part for honey, where the honey production by colonies or bees was diminished, will not include losses:
(1) For the 2007 crop, for production from those bees acquired on or after February 28, 2007;
(2) Where the inability to extract was due to the unavailability of equipment, the collapse or failure of equipment, or apparatus used in the honey operation;
(3) Resulting from storage of honey after harvest;
(4) To honey production because of bee feeding;
(5) Caused by the application of chemicals;
(6) Caused by theft, fire, or vandalism;
(7) Caused by the movement of bees by the producer or any other person; or
(8) Due to disease or pest infestation of the colonies.
(e) Qualifying losses for other value loss crops, except nursery, will not include losses for the 2007 crop that were acquired on or after February 28, 2007.
(f) Loss calculations will take into account other conditions and adjustments provided for in this part.

§ 760.811 Rates and yields; calculating payments.
(a)(1) Payments made under this part to a participant for a loss of quantity on a unit with respect to yield-based crops are determined by multiplying the average market price times 42 percent, times the loss of production which exceeds 35 percent of the expected production, as determined by FSA, of the unit.
(2) Payments made under this part to a participant for a quantity loss on a unit with respect to value-based crops are determined by multiplying the payment rate established for the crop by FSA times the loss of value that exceeds 35 percent of the expected production value, as determined by FSA, of the unit.
(3) As determined by FSA, additional quality loss payments may be made using a 25 percent quality loss threshold. The quality loss threshold is determined according to §760.817.
(b) Payment rates for the 2005, 2006, or 2007 year crop losses will be 42 percent of the average market price.
(c) Separate payment rates and yields for the same crop may be established by the State committee as authorized by the Deputy Administrator, when there is supporting data from NASS or other sources approved by FSA that show there is a significant difference in yield or value based on a distinct and separate end use of the crop. Despite potential differences in yield or values, separate rates or yields will not be established for crops with different cultural practices, such as those grown organically or hydroponically.
(d) Production from all end uses of a multi-use crop or all secondary uses for multiple market crops will be calculated separately and summarized together.
(e) Each eligible participant's share of a disaster payment will be based on the participant's ownership entitlement share of the crop or crop proceeds, or, if no crop was produced, the share of the crop the participant would have received if the crop had been produced. If the participant has no ownership share of the crop, the participant is ineligible for assistance under this part.
(f) When calculating a payment for a unit loss:
(1) An unharvested payment factor will be applied to crop acreage planted but not harvested;
(2) A prevented planting factor will be applied to any prevented planted acreage eligible for payment; and
(3) Unharvested payment factors may be adjusted if costs normally associated with growing the crop are not incurred.

§ 760.812 Production losses; participant responsibility.
(a) Where available and determined accurate by FSA, RMA loss records will be used for insured crops.
(b) If RMA loss records are not available, or if the FSA county committee determines the RMA loss records are inaccurate or incomplete, or if the FSA