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§ 1412.64  Inaccurate representation, misrepresentation, and scheme or device.

(a) Producers must report and certify program matters accurately. Errors in reporting may impact eligibility or extent of eligibility. Benefits under this part will be based on the most correct information available. Producers are responsible for refunding, with interest from the date of the CCC disbursement, any program benefits that were paid based on incorrect program information.

(b) For those cases in which FSA determines that an inaccurate representation or certification is a misrepresentation or scheme or device, such person will be ineligible to receive DCP or ACRE payments and will have the person’s interest in all contracts terminated if it is determined that such person has done any of the following:

(1) Adopted any scheme or device that tends to defeat the purpose of this part:
(2) Made any fraudulent representation;
(3) Misrepresented any fact affecting a DCP, ACRE program, or determination made pursuant to part 1400 of this chapter; or
(4) Violated or been determined ineligible under §1400.5 of this chapter.

(c) Any remedies taken by FSA or CCC in accordance with this section will be in addition to any other civil or other remedies that may be available, including, but not limited to, those provided in part 1400 of this chapter.

§ 1412.65 Offsets and assignments.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, any payment or portion thereof to any person will be made without regard to questions of title under State law and without regard to any claim or lien against the crop, or proceeds thereof, in favor of the owner or any other creditor except agencies of the U.S. Government. The regulations governing offsets and withholdings found at part 1403 of this chapter apply to contract payments.

(b) Any participant entitled to any payment may assign any payments in accordance with regulations governing the assignment of payments found at part 1404 of this chapter.

§ 1412.66 Acreage and production reports.

(a) As a condition of eligibility for payments under this part, the operator or owner must accurately submit a report of all cropland acreage on the farm in accordance with part 718 of this title.

(b) As a condition of eligibility for payments under this part, producers enrolled in the Project according to §1412.48 and those seeking payments under subpart G of this part, must accurately submit a report of production, no later than the acreage reporting date for the crop in the year immediately following the crop year of the reported crop acreage, for each crop either enrolled in the Project according to §1412.48 or for each covered commodity or peanuts on a farm enrolled in the ACRE program contract for which an acreage report greater than zero acres was filed according to paragraph (a) of this section. At the discretion of CCC, the report of production must be accompanied by documentation acceptable to CCC. The report must include the date harvest was completed. Records of production acceptable to CCC may include those specified in:

(1) Commercial receipts, settlement sheets, warehouse ledger sheets, or load summaries of the crop that was sold or otherwise disposed of through commercial channels provided the records are reliable or verifiable as determined by CCC; and

(2) Such documentary evidence such as contemporaneous measurements, truck scale tickets, and contemporaneous diaries, as is necessary in order to verify the information provided if the crop has been fed to livestock or otherwise disposed of other than through commercial channels, provided the records are reliable or verifiable as determined by CCC. If the crop will be disposed of through retail sales, such as roadside stands, u-pick, etc. and the producer will not be able to certify acceptable records of production, the producer must request an appraisal of the crop acreage prior to harvest.

§ 1412.67 Notices of loss.

(a) If a notice of loss for prevented planting under a policy or plan of insurance or pursuant to part 1437 of this chapter has not already been filed, at least one producer having a share of a crop intended to be planted pursuant to §1412.48 or a having a share of a crop of a covered commodity or peanuts on a farm enrolled in the ACRE program must provide a notice of loss for prevented planting to CCC in the administrative FSA office for the farm, within 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

(b) For a prevented planting notice filed in accordance with this section, the notice of loss must include:

(1) Total acreage intended to be planted to the crop in the administrative county;

(2) Total acreage planted by the producer to the crop in the administrative county;

(3) Whether a purchase, delivery, or arrangement for purchase or delivery