

(A) the 1996 crop of a contract commodity; or

(B) in the case of acreage that was subject to a conservation reserve contract described in subsection (a)(3), the date the production flexibility contract was entered into or expanded to cover the acreage.

(2) Ending date

The term of a contract shall extend through the 2002 crop, unless earlier terminated by the owner or producer.

(c) Estimation of contract payments

At the time the Secretary enters into a contract, the Secretary shall provide an estimate of the minimum contract payments anticipated to be made during at least the first fiscal year for which contract payments will be made.

(d) Time for payment

(1) In general

An annual contract payment shall be made not later than September 30 of each of fiscal years 1996 through 2002.

(2) Advance payments

(A) Fiscal year 1996

At the option of the owner or producer, 50 percent of the contract payment for fiscal year 1996 shall be made not later than 30 days after the date on which the contract is entered into and approved by the Secretary and the owner or producer.

(B) Subsequent fiscal years

At the option of the owner or producer for fiscal year 1997 and each subsequent fiscal year, 50 percent of the annual contract payment shall be made on December 15 or January 15 of the fiscal year. The owner or producer may change the date selected under this subparagraph for a subsequent fiscal year by providing advance notice to the Secretary.

(3) Special rule

Notwithstanding the requirements for making an annual contract payment specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), at the option of the owner or producer, the Secretary shall pay the full amount (or such portion as the owner or producer may specify) of the contract payment required to be paid for any of fiscal years 1999 through 2002 at such time or times during that fiscal year as the owner or producer may specify.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title I, §112, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 899; Pub. L. 105-228, §2, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1516; Pub. L. 106-78, title VIII, §811, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1181.)

AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 106-78, in par. heading, struck out “for fiscal year 1999” after “rule” and, in text, substituted “any of fiscal years 1999 through 2002” for “fiscal year 1999”.

1998—Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 105-228 added par. (3).

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Pub. L. 106-170, title V, §525, Dec. 17, 1999, 113 Stat. 1928, as amended by Pub. L. 107-147, title IV, §417(24)(A), Mar. 9, 2002, 116 Stat. 57, provided that: “Any option to

accelerate the receipt of any payment under a production flexibility contract which is payable under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7201 et seq.), as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 17, 1999], shall be disregarded in determining the taxable year for which such payment is properly includible in gross income for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.]”

Pub. L. 105-277, div. J, title II, §2012, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-902, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The options under paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 112(d) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7212(d)(2) and (3)), as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1998], shall be disregarded in determining the taxable year for which any payment under a production flexibility contract under subtitle B of title I of such Act [7 U.S.C. 7211 et seq.] (as so in effect) is properly includible in gross income for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.]”

“(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years ending after December 31, 1995.”

§ 7213. Amounts available for contract payments

(a) Fiscal year amounts

The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, expend the following amounts to satisfy the obligations of the Secretary under all contracts:

- (1) For fiscal year 1996, \$5,570,000,000.
- (2) For fiscal year 1997, \$5,385,000,000.
- (3) For fiscal year 1998, \$5,800,000,000.
- (4) For fiscal year 1999, \$5,603,000,000.
- (5) For fiscal year 2000, \$5,130,000,000.
- (6) For fiscal year 2001, \$4,130,000,000.
- (7) For fiscal year 2002, \$4,008,000,000.

(b) Allocation

The amount made available for a fiscal year under subsection (a) shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) For wheat, 26.26 percent.
- (2) For corn, 46.22 percent.
- (3) For grain sorghum, 5.11 percent.
- (4) For barley, 2.16 percent.
- (5) For oats, 0.15 percent.
- (6) For upland cotton, 11.63 percent.
- (7) For rice, 8.47 percent.

(c) Adjustment

The Secretary shall adjust the amounts allocated for each contract commodity under subsection (b) for a particular fiscal year by—

- (1) adding an amount equal to the sum of all repayments of deficiency payments required under section 114(a)(2) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1445j(a)(2)) for the commodity;
- (2) adding an amount equal to the sum of all refunds of contract payments received during the preceding fiscal year under section 7216 of this title for the commodity; and
- (3) subtracting an amount equal to the amount, if any, necessary during that fiscal year to satisfy payment requirements for the commodity under sections 103B, 105B, or 107B of the Agricultural Act of 1949 for the 1994 and 1995 crop years.

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(d) Additional rice allocation

In addition to the adjustments required under subsection (c), the amount allocated under subsection (b) for rice contract payments shall be increased by \$8,500,000 for each of fiscal years 1997 through 2002.

(e) Exclusion of certain amounts from contract payments

Any amount added pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c) to the amount available under subsection (a) for a fiscal year and paid to owners and producers under a contract shall not be treated as a contract payment for purposes of section 7215 of this title or section 1308(1)¹ of this title. However, the amount of a payment covered by this subsection may not exceed \$50,000 per person.

(f) Effect of payment limitation

The amount available under subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to the total amount of contract payments for the fiscal year that owners and producers forgo as a result of operation of the payment limitation under section 1308(1)¹ of this title.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title I, § 113, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 900.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 103B, 105B, and 107B of the Agricultural Act of 1949, referred to in subsec. (c)(3), were classified to sections 1444-2, 1444f, and 1445b-3a, respectively, of this title prior to repeal by section 7301(b)(2)(A)-(D) of this title.

Section 1308(1) of this title, referred to in subsecs. (e), (f), was repealed by Pub. L. 107-171, title I, § 1603(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 213.

§ 7214. Determination of contract payments under contracts**(a) Individual payment quantity of contract commodities**

For each contract, the payment quantity of a contract commodity for each fiscal year shall be equal to the product of—

- (1) 85 percent of the contract acreage; and
- (2) the farm program payment yield.

(b) Annual payment quantity of contract commodities

The payment quantity of each contract commodity covered by all contracts for each fiscal year shall be equal to the sum of the amounts calculated under subsection (a) for each individual contract.

(c) Annual payment rate

The payment rate for a contract commodity for each fiscal year shall be equal to—

- (1) the amount made available under section 7213 of this title for the contract commodity for the fiscal year; divided by
- (2) the amount determined under subsection (b) for the fiscal year.

(d) Annual payment amount

The amount to be paid under a contract in effect for each fiscal year with respect to all contract commodities covered by the contract shall be equal to the sum of the products of—

- (1) the payment quantity determined under subsection (a) for each of the contract commodities covered by the contract; and
- (2) the corresponding payment rate for the contract commodity in effect under subsection (c).

¹ See References in text note below.

(e) Reduction in payment amount

The contract payment determined under subsection (d) for an owner or producer for a fiscal year shall be immediately reduced by the amount of any repayment of deficiency payments that is required under section 114(a)(2) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1445j(a)(2)) and is not repaid as of the date the contract payment is determined. The Secretary shall be required to collect the required repayment, or any claim based on the required repayment, as soon as the contract payment is determined.

(f) Assignment of contract payments

The provisions of section 590h(g) of title 16 (relating to assignment of payments) shall apply to contract payments under this section. The owner or producer making the assignment, or the assignee, shall provide the Secretary with notice, in such manner as the Secretary may require in the contract, of any assignment made under this subsection.

(g) Sharing of contract payments

The Secretary shall provide for the sharing of contract payments among the owners and producers subject to the contract on a fair and equitable basis.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title I, § 114, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 901.)

§ 7215. Applicability of payment limitations

Sections 1308 through 1308-3 of this title shall be applicable to contract payments made under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title I, § 115(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 902.)

§ 7216. Violations of contract**(a) Termination of contract for violation**

Except as provided in subsection (b), if an owner or producer subject to a contract violates a requirement of the contract specified in section 7211(a) of this title, the Secretary shall terminate the contract with respect to the owner or producer on each farm in which the owner or producer has an interest. On the termination, the owner or producer shall forfeit all rights to receive future contract payments on each farm in which the owner or producer has an interest and shall refund to the Secretary all contract payments received by the owner or producer during the period of the violation, together with interest on the contract payments as determined by the Secretary.

(b) Refund or adjustment

If the Secretary determines that a violation does not warrant termination of the contract under subsection (a), the Secretary may require the owner or producer subject to the contract—

- (1) to refund to the Secretary that part of the contract payments received by the owner or producer during the period of the violation, together with interest on the contract payments as determined by the Secretary; or
- (2) to accept a reduction in the amount of future contract payments that is proportionate to the severity of the violation, as determined by the Secretary.