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- (1) the payment rate for the covered commodity under subsection (c);
- (2) the payment yield for the covered commodity; and
- (3) the payment acres for the covered commodity.

**(e) Time for payments**

If the Secretary determines under this section that price loss coverage payments are required to be provided for the covered commodity, the payments shall be made beginning October 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, after the end of the applicable marketing year for the covered commodity.

**(f) Effective price for barley**

In determining the effective price for barley under subsection (b), the Secretary shall use the all-barley price.

**(g) Reference price for temperate japonica rice**

In order to reflect price premiums, the Secretary shall provide a reference price with respect to temperate japonica rice in an amount equal to the amount established under subparagraph (F) of section 9011(19) of this title, as adjusted by paragraph (8) of such section, multiplied by the ratio obtained by dividing—

- (1) the simple average of the marketing year average price of medium grain rice from the 2012 through 2016 crop years; by
- (2) the simple average of the marketing year average price of all rice from the 2012 through 2016 crop years.

**(h) Effective price for seed cotton**

**(1) In general**

The effective price for seed cotton under subsection (b) shall be equal to the marketing year average price for seed cotton, as calculated under paragraph (2).

**(2) Calculation**

The marketing year average price for seed cotton for a crop year shall be equal to the quotient obtained by dividing—

- (A) the sum obtained by adding—
  - (i) the product obtained by multiplying—
    - (I) the upland cotton lint marketing year average price; and
    - (II) the total United States upland cotton lint production, measured in pounds; and
  - (ii) the product obtained by multiplying—
    - (I) the cottonseed marketing year average price; and
    - (II) the total United States cottonseed production, measured in pounds; by
- (B) the sum obtained by adding—
  - (i) the total United States upland cotton lint production, measured in pounds; and
  - (ii) the total United States cottonseed production, measured in pounds.

(Pub. L. 113-79, title I, §1116, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 668; Pub. L. 115-123, div. F, §60101(a)(8),

Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 310; Pub. L. 115-334, title I, §1106, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4504.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-334, §1106(1), in introductory provisions, inserted “or (h)” after “subsection (a)” and substituted “determines that—” for “determines that, for any of the 2014 through 2018 crop years—”, inserted par. (1) designation and introductory provisions, redesignated former pars. (1) and (2) as subpars. (A) and (B), respectively, of par. (1) and realigned margins, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-334, §1106(2), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and subpar. (A), inserted par. and subpar. headings, in introductory provisions of subpar. (A) substituted “For the 2014 through 2018 crop years, the payment rate” for “The payment rate”, redesignated former pars. (1) and (2) as cls. (i) and (ii), respectively, of subpar. (A) and realigned margins, added subpar. (B), and added pars. (2) and (3).

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 115-334, §1106(3), added subsec. (g) and struck out former subsec. (g). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary shall provide a reference price with respect to temperate japonica rice in an amount equal to 115 percent of the amount established in subparagraphs (F) and (G) of section 9011(18) of this title in order to reflect price premiums.”

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 115-123 added subsec. (h).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-123 applicable beginning with the 2018 crop year, see section 60101(a)(13) of Pub. L. 115-123, set out as a note under section 9011 of this title.

**§ 9017. Agriculture risk coverage**

**(a) Agriculture risk coverage payments**

If all of the producers on a farm make the election under section 9015(a) of this title to obtain agriculture risk coverage, the Secretary shall make agriculture risk coverage payments (beginning with the 2019 crop year, based on the physical location of the farm) to producers on the farm if the Secretary determines that, for any of the 2014 through 2018 crop years or the 2019 through 2023 crop years, as applicable—

- (1) the actual crop revenue determined under subsection (b) for the crop year; is less than
- (2) the agriculture risk coverage guarantee determined under subsection (c) for the crop year.

**(b) Actual crop revenue**

**(1) County coverage**

In the case of county coverage, the amount of the actual crop revenue for a county for a crop year of a covered commodity shall be equal to the product obtained by multiplying—

- (A) the actual average county yield per planted acre for the covered commodity, as determined by the Secretary; and
- (B) the higher of—

- (i) the national average market price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year for the covered commodity, as determined by the Secretary; or
- (ii) the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity in effect for such crop year under subchapter II.

**(2) Individual coverage**

In the case of individual coverage, the amount of the actual crop revenue for a pro-

ducer on a farm for a crop year shall be based on the producer's share of all covered commodities planted on all farms for which individual coverage has been selected and in which the producer has an interest, to be determined by the Secretary as follows:

(A) For each covered commodity, the product obtained by multiplying—

(i) the total production of the covered commodity on such farms, as determined by the Secretary; and

(ii) the higher of—

(I) the national average market price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year, as determined by the Secretary; or

(II) the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity in effect for such crop year under subchapter II.

(B) The sum of the amounts determined under subparagraph (A) for all covered commodities on such farms.

(C) The quotient obtained by dividing the amount determined under subparagraph (B) by the total planted acres of all covered commodities on such farms.

**(c) Agriculture risk coverage guarantee**

**(1) In general**

The agriculture risk coverage guarantee for a crop year for a covered commodity shall equal 86 percent of the benchmark revenue.

**(2) Benchmark revenue for county coverage**

In the case of county coverage, the benchmark revenue shall be the product obtained by multiplying—

(A) subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), the average historical county yield as determined by the Secretary for the most recent 5 crop years, excluding each of the crop years with the highest and lowest yields; and

(B) subject to paragraph (6), the national average market price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year for the most recent 5 crop years, excluding each of the crop years with the highest and lowest prices.

**(3) Benchmark revenue for individual coverage**

In the case of individual coverage, the benchmark revenue for a producer on a farm for a crop year shall be based on the producer's share of all covered commodities planted on all farms for which individual coverage has been selected and in which the producer has an interest, to be determined by the Secretary as follows:

(A) For each covered commodity for each of the most recent 5 crop years, the product obtained by multiplying—

(i) subject to paragraph (4), the yield per planted acre for the covered commodity on such farms, as determined by the Secretary; by

(ii) subject to paragraph (6), the national average market price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year.

(B) For each covered commodity, the average of the revenues determined under sub-

paragraph (A) for the most recent 5 crop years, excluding each of the crop years with the highest and lowest revenues.

(C) For each of the 2014 through 2023 crop years, the sum of the amounts determined under subparagraph (B) for all covered commodities on such farms, but adjusted to reflect the ratio between the total number of acres planted on such farms to a covered commodity and the total acres of all covered commodities planted on such farms.

**(4) Yield conditions**

**(A) 2014 through 2018 crop years**

Effective for the 2014 through 2018 crop years, if the yield per planted acre for the covered commodity or historical county yield per planted acre for the covered commodity for any of the 5 most recent crop years, as determined by the Secretary, is less than 70 percent of the transitional yield, as determined by the Secretary, the amounts used for any of those years in paragraph (2)(A) or (3)(A)(i) shall be 70 percent of the transitional yield.

**(B) 2019 through 2023 crop years**

Effective for the 2019 through 2023 crop years, if the yield per planted acre for the covered commodity or historical county yield per planted acre for the covered commodity for any of the 5 most recent crop years, as determined by the Secretary, is less than 80 percent of the transitional yield, as determined by the Secretary, the amounts used for any of those years in paragraph (2)(A) or (3)(A)(i) shall be 80 percent of the transitional yield.

**(5) Trend-adjusted yield**

The Secretary shall calculate and use a trend-adjusted yield factor to adjust the yield determined under paragraph (2)(A) and subsection (b)(1)(A), taking into consideration, but not exceeding, the trend-adjusted yield factor that is used to increase yield history under the endorsement under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) for that crop and county.

**(6) Low national average market price**

**(A) Reference price**

For the 2014 through 2018 crop years, if the national average market price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year for any of the 5 most recent crop years is lower than the reference price for the covered commodity, the Secretary shall use the reference price for any of those years for the amounts in paragraph (2)(B) or (3)(A)(ii).

**(B) Effective reference price**

For the 2019 through 2023 crop years, if the national average market price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year for any of the 5 most recent crop years is lower than the effective reference price for the covered commodity, the Secretary shall use the effective reference price for any of those years for the amounts in paragraph (2)(B) or (3)(A)(ii).

**(d) Payment rate****(1) In general**

The payment rate for a covered commodity, in the case of county coverage, or a farm, in the case of individual coverage, shall be equal to the lesser of—

(A) the amount that—

(i) the agriculture risk coverage guarantee for the crop year applicable under subsection (c); exceeds

(ii) the actual crop revenue for the crop year applicable under subsection (b); or

(B) 10 percent of the benchmark revenue for the crop year applicable under subsection (c).

**(2) Announcement**

Not later than 30 days after the end of each applicable 12-month marketing year for each covered commodity, the Secretary shall publish the payment rate determined under paragraph (1) for each county.

**(e) Payment amount**

If agriculture risk coverage payments are required to be paid for any of the 2014 through 2023 crop years, the amount of the agriculture risk coverage payment for the crop year shall be determined by multiplying—

(1) the payment rate determined under subsection (d); and

(2) the payment acres determined under section 9014 of this title.

**(f) Time for payments**

If the Secretary determines that agriculture risk coverage payments are required to be provided for the covered commodity, payments shall be made beginning October 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, after the end of the applicable marketing year for the covered commodity.

**(g) Additional duties of the Secretary**

In providing agriculture risk coverage, the Secretary shall—

(1) to the maximum extent practicable, use all available information and analysis, including data mining, to check for anomalies in the determination of agriculture risk coverage payments;

(2) calculate a separate actual crop revenue and agriculture risk coverage guarantee for irrigated and nonirrigated covered commodities;

(3) in the case of individual coverage, assign an average yield for a farm on the basis of the yield history of representative farms in the State, region, or crop reporting district, as determined by the Secretary, if the Secretary determines that the farm has planted acreage in a quantity that is insufficient to calculate a representative average yield for the farm;

(4) effective for the 2014 through 2018 crop years, in the case of county coverage, assign an actual or benchmark county yield for each planted acre for the crop year for the covered commodity on the basis of the yield history of representative farms in the State, region, or crop reporting district, as determined by the Secretary, if—

(A) the Secretary cannot establish the actual or benchmark county yield for each

planted acre for a crop year for a covered commodity in the county in accordance with subsection (b)(1) or (c)(2); or

(B) the yield determined under subsection (b)(1) or (c)(2) is an unrepresentative average yield for the county, as determined by the Secretary; and

(5) effective for the 2019 through 2023 crop years, in the case of county coverage, assign an actual or benchmark county yield for each planted acre for the crop year for the covered commodity—

(A) for a county for which county data collected by the Risk Management Agency are sufficient for the Secretary to offer a county-wide insurance product, using the actual average county yield determined by the Risk Management Agency; or

(B) for a county not described in subparagraph (A), using—

(i) other sources of yield information, as determined by the Secretary; or

(ii) the yield history of representative farms in the State, region, or crop reporting district, as determined by the Secretary.

**(h) Publications****(1) County guarantee****(A) In general**

For each crop year for a covered commodity, the Secretary shall publish information describing, for that crop year for the covered commodity in each county—

(i) the agriculture risk coverage guarantee for county coverage determined under subsection (c)(1);

(ii) the average historical county yield determined under subsection (c)(2)(A); and

(iii) the national average market price determined under subsection (c)(2)(B).

**(B) Timing****(i) In general**

Except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), not later than 30 days after the end of each applicable 12-month marketing year, the Secretary shall publish the information described in subparagraph (A).

**(ii) Insufficient data**

In the case of a covered commodity, such as temperate japonica rice, for which the Secretary cannot determine the national average market price for the most recent 12-month marketing year by the date described in clause (i) due to insufficient reporting of timely pricing data by 1 or more nongovernmental entities, including a marketing cooperative for the covered commodity, as soon as practicable after the pricing data are made available, the Secretary shall publish information describing—

(I) the agriculture risk coverage guarantee under subparagraph (A)(i); and

(II) the national average market price under subparagraph (A)(iii).

**(iii) Transition**

Not later than 60 days after December 20, 2018, the Secretary shall publish the infor-

mation described in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) for the 2018 crop year.

**(2) Actual average county yield**

As soon as practicable after each crop year, the Secretary shall determine and publish each actual average county yield for each covered commodity, as determined under subsection (b)(1)(A).

**(3) Data sources for county yields**

For the 2018 crop year and each crop year thereafter, the Secretary shall make publicly available information describing, for the most recent crop year—

(A) the sources of data used to calculate county yields under subsection (c)(2)(A) for each covered commodity—

- (i) by county; and
- (ii) nationally; and

(B) the number and outcome of occurrences in which the Farm Service Agency reviewed, changed, or determined not to change a source of data used to calculate county yields under subsection (c)(2)(A).

**(i) Administrative units**

**(1) In general**

For purposes of agriculture risk coverage payments in the case of county coverage, a county may be divided into not greater than 2 administrative units in accordance with this subsection.

**(2) Eligible counties**

A county that may be divided into administrative units under this subsection is a county that—

- (A) is larger than 1,400 square miles; and
- (B) contains more than 190,000 base acres.

**(3) Elections**

Before making any agriculture risk coverage payments for the 2019 crop year, the Farm Service Agency State committee, in consultation with the Farm Service Agency county or area committee of a county described in paragraph (2), may make a 1-time election to divide the county into administrative units under this subsection along a boundary that better reflects differences in weather patterns, soil types, or other factors.

**(4) Limitation**

The Secretary shall—

(A) limit the number of counties that may be divided into administrative units under paragraph (3) to 25 counties; and

(B) give preference to the division of counties that have greater variation in climate, soils, and expected productivity between the proposed administrative units.

**(5) Administration**

For purposes of providing agriculture risk coverage payments in the case of county coverage, the Secretary shall consider an administrative unit elected under paragraph (3) to be a county for the 2019 through 2023 crop years.

(Pub. L. 113–79, title I, §1117, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 669; Pub. L. 115–334, title I, §1107, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4505.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Crop Insurance Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(5), is subtitle A of title V of act Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, 52 Stat. 72, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§1501 et seq.) of chapter 36 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1501 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(1), in introductory provisions, inserted “(beginning with the 2019 crop year, based on the physical location of the farm)” after “payments” and “or the 2019 through 2023 crop years, as applicable” after “the 2014 through 2018 crop years”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(A). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(2)(A)(i), substituted “paragraphs (4) and (5)” for “paragraph (4)”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(2)(A)(ii), substituted “paragraph (6)” for “paragraph (5)”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(2)(B)(i), substituted “paragraph (6)” for “paragraph (5)”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(C). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(2)(B)(ii), substituted “2023” for “2018”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(2)(C), designated existing provisions as subpar. (A), inserted heading, substituted “Effective for the 2014 through 2018 crop years, if” for “If”, and added subpar. (B).

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(2)(E), added par. (5). Former par. (5) redesignated (6).

Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(2)(D), (F), redesignated par. (5) as (6), substituted “Low national average market price” for “Reference price” in par. heading, designated existing provisions as subpar. (A), inserted subpar. heading, substituted “For the 2014 through 2018 crop years, if the national average market price” for “If the national average market price”, and added subpar. (B).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(3), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and inserted heading, redesignated former par. (1) and subpars. (A) and (B) thereof as subpar. (A) and cls. (i) and (ii) thereof, respectively, redesignated former par. (2) as subpar. (B), realigned margins, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(4), substituted “2023” for “2018” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(5)(A), struck out “to the maximum extent practicable,” before “calculate”.

Subsec. (g)(4). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(5)(C), inserted “effective for the 2014 through 2018 crop years,” before “in the case of” in introductory provisions and substituted “; and” for period at end.

Subsec. (g)(5). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(5)(B), (D), added par. (5).

Subsecs. (h), (i). Pub. L. 115–334, §1107(6), added subsecs. (h) and (i).

**§ 9018. Producer agreements**

**(a) Compliance with certain requirements**

**(1) Requirements**

Before the producers on a farm may receive payments under this subchapter with respect to the farm, the producers shall agree, during the crop year for which the payments are made and in exchange for the payments—

(A) to comply with applicable conservation requirements under subtitle B of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3811 et seq.);

(B) to comply with applicable wetland protection requirements under subtitle C of title XII of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3821 et seq.);

(C) to effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain the land in accordance with sound agricultural practices, as determined by the Secretary; and