

2001 crop years was less than 75 percent of the county yield for that oilseed, the Secretary shall assign a yield for that crop year equal to 75 percent of the county yield for the purpose of determining the average under paragraph (1).

**(e) Opportunity to partially update yields used to determine counter-cyclical payments**

**(1) Election to update**

If the owner of a farm elects to use the base acres calculation method described in section 7911(a)(1)(A) of this title, the owner shall also have a 1-time opportunity to elect to use 1 of the methods described in paragraph (3) to partially update the payment yields that would otherwise be used in calculating any counter-cyclical payments for covered commodities on the farm.

**(2) Time for election**

The election under paragraph (1) shall be made at the same time and in the same manner as the Secretary prescribes for the election required under section 7911 of this title.

**(3) Methods of updating yields**

If the owner of a farm elects to update yields under this subsection, the payment yield for a covered commodity on the farm, for the purpose of calculating counter-cyclical payments only, shall be equal to the yield determined using either of the following:

**(A) The sum of the following:**

(i) The payment yield applicable for direct payments for the covered commodity on the farm.

(ii) 70 percent of the difference between—

(I) the average yield per planted acre for the crop of the covered commodity on the farm for the 1998 through 2001 crop years, as determined by the Secretary, excluding any crop year in which the acreage planted to the crop of the covered commodity was zero; and

(II) the payment yield applicable for direct payments for the covered commodity on the farm.

(B) 93.5 percent of the average of the yield per planted acre for the crop of the covered commodity on the farm for the 1998 through 2001 crop years, as determined by the Secretary, excluding any crop year in which the acreage planted to the crop of the covered commodity was zero.

**(4) Use of partial county average yield**

If the yield per planted acre for a crop of the covered commodity for a farm for any of the 1998 through 2001 crop years was less than 75 percent of the county yield for that commodity, the Secretary shall assign a yield for that crop year equal to 75 percent of the county yield for the purpose of determining the average yield under paragraph (3).

**(5) Application of election and method to all covered commodities**

The owner of a farm may not elect the method described in paragraph (3)(A) for 1 covered commodity on the farm and the method described in paragraph (3)(B) for other covered commodities on the farm.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title I, § 1102, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 147.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1465 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was omitted from the Code.

**§ 7913. Availability of direct payments**

**(a) Payment required**

For each of the 2002 through 2007 crop years of each covered commodity, the Secretary shall make direct payments to producers on farms for which payment yields and base acres are established.

**(b) Payment rate**

The payment rates used to make direct payments with respect to covered commodities for a crop year are as follows:

- (1) Wheat, \$0.52 per bushel.
- (2) Corn, \$0.28 per bushel.
- (3) Grain sorghum, \$0.35 per bushel.
- (4) Barley, \$0.24 per bushel.
- (5) Oats, \$0.024 per bushel.
- (6) Upland cotton, \$0.0667 per pound.
- (7) Rice, \$2.35 per hundredweight.
- (8) Soybeans, \$0.44 per bushel.
- (9) Other oilseeds, \$0.0080 per pound.

**(c) Payment amount**

The amount of the direct payment to be paid to the producers on a farm for a covered commodity for a crop year shall be equal to the product of the following:

(1) The payment rate specified in subsection (b).

(2) The payment acres of the covered commodity on the farm.

(3) The payment yield for the covered commodity for the farm.

**(d) Time for payment**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall make direct payments—

(A) in the case of the 2002 crop year, as soon as practicable after May 13, 2002; and

(B) in the case of each of the 2003 through 2007 crop years, not before October 1 of the calendar year in which the crop of the covered commodity is harvested.

**(2) Advance payments**

At the option of the producers on a farm, up to 50 percent of the direct payment for a covered commodity for any of the 2003 through 2005 crop years, up to 40 percent of the direct payment for a covered commodity for the 2006 crop year, and up to 22 percent of the direct payment for a covered commodity for the 2007 crop year, shall be paid to the producers in advance. The producers shall select the month within which the advance payment for a crop year will be made. The month selected may be any month during the period beginning on December 1 of the calendar year before the calendar year in which the crop of the covered commodity is harvested through the month within which the direct payment would otherwise be made. The producers may change the selected month for a subsequent advance payment by providing advance notice to the Secretary.

**(3) Repayment of advance payments**

If a producer on a farm that receives an advance direct payment for a crop year ceases to be a producer on that farm, or the extent to which the producer shares in the risk of producing a crop changes, before the date the remainder of the direct payment is made, the producer shall be responsible for repaying the Secretary the applicable amount of the advance payment, as determined by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1103, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 149; Pub. L. 109-171, title I, §1102(a), Feb. 8, 2006, 120 Stat. 5.)

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 109-171 substituted “2005 crop years, up to 40 percent of the direct payment for a covered commodity for the 2006 crop year, and up to 22 percent of the direct payment for a covered commodity for the 2007 crop year,” for “2007 crop years”.

**§ 7914. Availability of counter-cyclical payments****(a) Payment required**

For each of the 2002 through 2007 crop years for each covered commodity, the Secretary shall make counter-cyclical payments to producers on farms for which payment yields and base acres are established with respect to the covered commodity if the Secretary determines that the effective price for the covered commodity is less than the target price for the covered commodity.

**(b) Effective price**

For purposes of subsection (a), the effective price for a covered commodity is equal to the sum of the following:

- (1) The higher of the following:
  - (A) The national average market price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year for the covered commodity, as determined by the Secretary.
  - (B) The national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity in effect for the applicable period under subchapter II.
- (2) The payment rate in effect for the covered commodity under section 7913 of this title for the purpose of making direct payments with respect to the covered commodity.

**(c) Target price****(1) 2002 and 2003 crop years**

For purposes of the 2002 and 2003 crop years, the target prices for covered commodities shall be as follows:

- (A) Wheat, \$3.86 per bushel.
- (B) Corn, \$2.60 per bushel.
- (C) Grain sorghum, \$2.54 per bushel.
- (D) Barley, \$2.21 per bushel.
- (E) Oats, \$1.40 per bushel.
- (F) Upland cotton, \$0.7240 per pound.
- (G) Rice, \$10.50 per hundredweight.
- (H) Soybeans, \$5.80 per bushel.
- (I) Other oilseeds, \$0.0980 per pound.

**(2) Subsequent crop years**

For purposes of each of the 2004 through 2007 crop years, the target prices for covered commodities shall be as follows:

- (A) Wheat, \$3.92 per bushel.
- (B) Corn, \$2.63 per bushel.
- (C) Grain sorghum, \$2.57 per bushel.
- (D) Barley, \$2.24 per bushel.
- (E) Oats, \$1.44 per bushel.
- (F) Upland cotton, \$0.7240 per pound.
- (G) Rice, \$10.50 per hundredweight.
- (H) Soybeans, \$5.80 per bushel.
- (I) Other oilseeds, \$0.1010 per pound.

**(d) Payment rate**

The payment rate used to make counter-cyclical payments with respect to a covered commodity for a crop year shall be equal to the difference between—

- (1) the target price for the covered commodity; and
- (2) the effective price determined under subsection (b) for the covered commodity.

**(e) Payment amount**

If counter-cyclical payments are required to be paid for any of the 2002 through 2007 crop years of a covered commodity, the amount of the counter-cyclical payment to be paid to the producers on a farm for that crop year shall be equal to the product of the following:

- (1) The payment rate specified in subsection (d).
- (2) The payment acres of the covered commodity on the farm.
- (3) The payment yield or updated payment yield for the farm, depending on the election of the owner of the farm under section 7912 of this title.

**(f) Time for payments****(1) General rule**

If the Secretary determines under subsection (a) that counter-cyclical payments are required to be made under this section for the crop of a covered commodity, the Secretary shall make the counter-cyclical payments for the crop as soon as practicable after the end of the 12-month marketing year for the covered commodity.

**(2) Availability of partial payments**

If, before the end of the 12-month marketing year for a covered commodity, the Secretary estimates that counter-cyclical payments will be required for the crop of the covered commodity, the Secretary shall give producers on a farm the option to receive partial payments of the counter-cyclical payment projected to be made for that crop of the covered commodity.

**(3) Time for partial payments****(A) 2002 through 2006 crop years**

When the Secretary makes partial payments available under paragraph (2) for a covered commodity for any of the 2002 through 2006 crop years—

- (i) the first partial payment for the crop year shall be made not earlier than October 1, and, to the maximum extent practicable, not later than October 31, of the calendar year in which the crop of the covered commodity is harvested;
- (ii) the second partial payment shall be made not earlier than February 1 of the next calendar year; and