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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 330-8-3

SUBJECT: MGT – 2008 FOOD SECURITY ACT COMPLIANCE REVIEWS – ADD ON TRACTS

Purpose. To provide supplemental information and instructions on the 2008 Food Security Act compliance review process for add-on tracts.

Expiration Date. December 30, 2008.

District Conservationists are responsible for developing the 2008 Compliance Review tract list for their county. NRCS policy requires that tracts for 5% of all FSA Farm Credit Loan recipients be added to the annual HELC/wetland compliance review list (NFSAM 518.02). For 2008, NHQ is providing an alternative procedure to ensure that these add-on tracts are included in the compliance review process.

The attached spreadsheet contains data provided by FSA to the NRCS national office for approximately 128 Minnesota producer names, listed by county. This list was compiled by FSA Farm Loan Division and does not include tract data.

**Alternative Procedure:**

NHQ has sent each State Coordinator a list of borrower names generated by FSA. Each DC will review this procedure and confirm which of the following alternatives they will use to add FSA borrower names to the 2008 compliance review list with their Area Quality Control Specialist.

1. If Counties have already added loan recipients to the 2008 compliance review list, an equal number of names from the county loan recipient list provided by NHQ can be deleted.

OR

2. If Counties have already added loan recipients to the 2008 compliance review list, and the number added exceeds that shown on the national list, then that county can disregard all names listed from NHQ.

OR

3. If Counties have not already added loan recipients to the 2008 compliance review list, and they have borrowers shown in the attached national list, they will add at least one tract for each name shown.

**Before entering any name from the NHQ list onto your county compliance review list, read and follow these additional instructions:**

Names from the loan recipient list should not be automatically added to the national sample compliance review list. The FSA data does not indicate if the tracts for the loan recipient have HEL and/or wetlands.



1. Check the names on the loan recipient list with names on the 2008 national sample compliance review list previously provided. If the loan recipient is listed in the random tract selection, a second review is unnecessary. A replacement is not required.
2. Check the names on the loan recipient list with the names on the 2007 national sample compliance review list. If a review was conducted in 2007 for the loan recipient tract, a review in 2008 is unnecessary. A replacement is not required.
3. For loan recipient tracts that are not reviewed in 2007 or 2008 as part of the compliance review process, identify if the loan recipient's tracts have HEL or wetlands. If there is no HEL or wetlands on the tracts, this name can be deleted from the list. A replacement is not required.

Tracts for farm credit loan recipients that are not addressed in items 1-3 above should be added to the compliance review process. Only one tract per name is required to be added and only tracts with either HEL or wetlands present will be added.

Direct questions on the information contained in this bulletin through your Area Office to Paul Flynn, State Resource Conservationist.

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