Don’t Miss the Deadline to Apply for the Cotton Transition Assistance Program
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The 2014-15 Cotton Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) is a temporary program and it will most likely operate only until STAX becomes available in all counties. STAX refers to Stacked Income Protection Plan, a new insurance product also created by the 2014 Farm Bill. STAX provides area-based coverage for up to 20% of expected area revenue, based on planted acres (not generic base).

Cotton producers will receive transition payments through CTAP while new STAX policies are implemented. You must apply for CTAP crop year 2015 by September 30, 2015. Contact your local Farm Service Agency office today.

In Florida, the only two counties eligible for 2015 CTAP are Gulf and Okeechobee counties.

Where available, CTAP payments are limited to $40,000 per person or entity, per year. Payments are calculated by multiplying:

- 36.5 percent of the farm’s upland cotton base acres (generic base) times;
- The farm’s direct yield for upland cotton times;
- $0.09 times;
- The producer’s share on the approved application.

CTAP payment acres (upland cotton base acres) are not impacted by cropland that is planted to fruit and vegetables (FAV’s) and wild rice.

More details on program updates related to cotton and more information on STAX can be found on our information notes and related USDA publications:

- Cotton generic base acres
- What about cotton?
- CTAP Fact Sheet
- Introduction to STAX

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Have any questions or concerns? Contact us!

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