

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](#)

Stay informed! Visit our new website [2014 Farm Bill Education Program](#) for the latest news and announcements regarding the 2014 Farm Bill legislation.

Have any questions or concerns? **Contact us!**

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