



What Is Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers?

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- Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers was authorized by Subtitle C of the Trade Act of 2002.
 - That legislation, authorized appropriations to the Department of Agriculture not to exceed \$90 million for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2007 to carry out the program.
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The legislation requires USDA to provide funds to eligible agricultural producers when:

- (a) the current year's price of an agricultural commodity is less than 80 percent of the national average price for such commodity for the five marketing years preceding the most recent market year; and
 - (b) increases in imports contributed importantly to the decline in the price, as determined by the Secretary.
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Where is FAS in the implementation process?

- The proposed TAA Regulation was published in the Federal Register on April 23 and on July 2, 2003.
 - The Final Rule was published on August 20, 2003.
 - An announcement on the implementation of TAA was made in USDA Press Release No. 0291.03 dated August 20.
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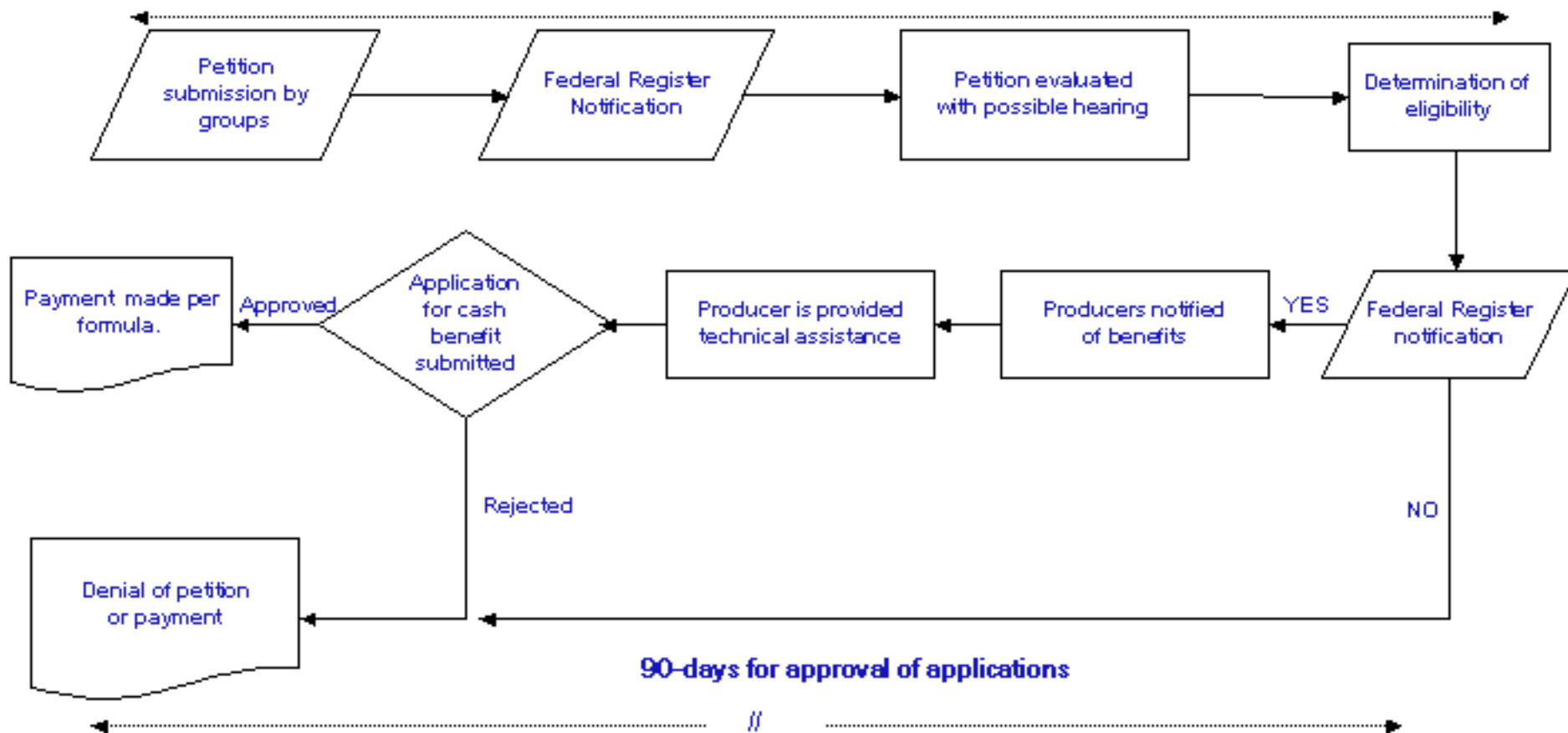
Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

Trade Act of 2002

(HR. 3009)

Program Overview

40-days for petitions by groups



90-days for approval of applications

Petitions to Foreign Ag Service for Trade Adjustment Assistance

- **Who:** Group of producers- as few as 3
 - **When:** August 15 to January 31
 - **Details related to:**
 - Contact info
 - Commodity name and its HTS code
 - Production area represented by group (state, region, or nation as a whole)
 - Beginning and ending dates of marketing year
 - Justification statement
 - Price data
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Determination of Eligibility and Certification by FSA Administrator

- Within 40 days, ERS will determine if:
 - National average price for marketing year is less than or equal to 80 % of 5-year national average
 - Increases in imports of articles like or directly competitive with the agricultural commodity *contributed importunity* to the decline in price
 - If certified, then FSA will
 - Notify producers (direct mailings, messages to commodity groups, electronic communications, internet web sites, and broadcast/ print media)
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Producer Applications to Farm Service Agency (FSA)

- Only producers of the commodity may apply
 - Required within 90 days of certification
 - Name, address, tax ID, amount produced
 - Several supporting certifications of eligibility
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Supporting Certifications of Eligibility

- That technical assistance has been received from Extension
 - That other cash benefits have not
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Technical Assistance and Services

- Any producer of a certified commodity must receive
 - Information and technical assistance from Extension Service that
 - Will assist in adjusting to import competition and
 - Will be at no cost to producer
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Extension Service Obligations

- Provide producers opportunity to meet at least once with an Extension Service employee
 - within 180 days of petition certification
 - at no cost
 - provide to producers written confirmation of all assistance meetings
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Extension Service Obligations

- Provide producers with technical information (in verbal, written and electronic formats)
 - the feasibility and desirability of substituting one or more alternative commodity for the adversely affected one
 - Lower the costs of producing and marketing the adversely affected commodity
 - Tailored to the crop and the region.
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Extension Service Obligations con't

- Provide producers with information concerning procedures for applying for and receiving other Federal assistance and services available to workers facing economic distress
 - Inform producers of their entitlement to employment services and training benefits under trade adjustment assistance for workers managed by US Department of Labor
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Adjustment Assistance Payments

- Maximum Payment per Producer - \$10,000
 - Adjustments for:
 - Amount of price change
 - CC payments
 - Number of producers eligible
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Southern Center's Agreement with CSREES

- Hire a TAA Program Coordinator to work with CSREES, Federal agencies and state Extension Services in providing technical information to producers
 - Provide information and assistance on eligibility requirements and application procedures to
 - Commodity groups
 - Producers covered by certification
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- Develop information and training materials on other federal benefits available to producers
 - Coordinate with Digital Center (U of MN) collection and placement of resource materials
 - TAA program-requirements, benefits, forms, etc
 - Technical info-enterprise budgets, marketing strategies/tactics, enterprise diversification, etc
 - Once a commodity is certified, enter into contracts with appropriate state Extension Service to develop and deliver technical information to producers
 - Delivery in electronic, group and/or one-on-one formats
 - No cost to producers
 - Will work with Digital and other Risk Mgt Ed Centers to standardize training materials
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Technical Assistance for Farmers

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers expands the traditional TAA to agricultural producers.

The purpose of this website is to provide producers and fishermen with technical training assistance customized for each eligible commodity or fishery. Mandatory technical assistance is available through your local Extension Service.

[Eligible Commodities - Available Technical Assistance](#)

[General Information about Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers](#)

[Information and Resources for Extension Educators](#)

Southern Center's Plan of Action

- Contract with CSREES to implement TAA
 - Hire a TAA Program Coordinator
 - Identify state contacts for each possible commodity
 - Make presentation on TAA at Southern Outlook Conference September 30
 - Make contingency arrangements for subcontracts with state Extension Services
 - To cover added cost of delivering required training to producers of certified commodities
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Tentative Reimbursement Schedule

- Development of region specific package:
 - negotiated up to \$??,???
 - Training of state contacts & county educators
 - reimbursement of expenses to attend training
 - Delivery of package to growers:
 - \$??/grower for first ? growers
 - \$??/grower for next ? growers
 - \$??/grower for all over ?
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Thank you.

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