

For: State and County Offices

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Applicant Eligibility for CSREES Training

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1 Eligibility for CSREES Training

A Background

TAA program rules provide that an applicant is eligible for both technical and intensive training provided by CSREES regardless of whether or not the applicant is approved or eligible for a cash payment.

CSREES staff assert that some producers of FY 2006 TAA-eligible commodities declined to apply under the TAA program upon learning that, for whatever reason, they might be disapproved for a cash payment. As a result, there will be fewer applicants for the CSREES training that has been prepared for all TAA applicants.

B Purpose

This notice reminds County Offices that TAA program applicants are eligible for CSREES training regardless of whether the applicant is approved for a cash payment.

C Action

This notice reminds County Offices that:

- producers must apply for TAA to be eligible for any CSREES training
- CSREES training is available to TAA applicants regardless of whether the applicant qualifies for a TAA cash payment.

County Office shall contact all producers who previously visited the County Office and did not apply under any FY 2006 TAA program, regardless of whether the application period is open. These programs include Florida avocado, Indiana snapdragon, and Washington and Michigan Concord grapes. Applicants who apply for TAA after the application period are ineligible for cash payment, but may still receive CSREES technical training.

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