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Tier IV—15 percent or more crop and/or field damage

(2) Fruit and vegetable producers who suffered crop production losses and associated crop damage, including related cleanup, must provide to CCC a certified statement on a CCC approved form of the level of destruction, the number of the disaster affected acres, and the geographic location of the losses.

(d) If the actual level of loss is greater than the tier associated with the location of the acreage, the applicant may submit documentation to CCC to request the acreage be placed in the next lower-numbered tier which represents a greater level of loss and a higher payment rate.

(e) If the actual level of loss is less than the tier associated with the location of the acreage, the producer shall certify to the lower loss level on the application and a lower payment rate will be used by CCC based upon the tier rate associated with the lower loss level.

§ 1416.403 Application process.

(a) Producers wishing to receive benefits must submit a completed application and report of acreage identifying the geographic location and number of acres in the disaster-affected area to their local FSA Service Center at the time an application for payment is being filed according to §1416.5.

(b) Applicants must certify and provide adequate proof that the losses and expenses incurred to eligible fruit and vegetable crops were a direct result of the applicable disaster, as set forth in §1416.2.

§ 1416.404 Payment calculations.

(a) Payments will be calculated by multiplying the number of net acres in each tier times the applicable payment rate, as determined by CCC, times the producer's share of the loss. The number of net acres is determined by subtracting drainage ditches, canals, and other such land uses from the planted fruit and vegetable acres. The following table provides the applicable payment rates for producers with crop insurance or NAP coverage and those without coverage:

	Producers with insurance or NAP coverage		Producers without insurance or NAP coverage	
	Plasticulture	Other than plasticulture	Plasticulture	Other than plasticulture
Tier I	\$3,750	\$1,125	\$3,560	\$1,070
Tier II	2,500	750	2,375	710
Tier III	1,500	450	1,425	425
Tier IV	250	75	235	70

(b) The percentage of the payment for fruit and vegetable crops that are subject to the payment limitation and AGI provisions are:

- Tier I—94.6667 percent
- Tier II—94 percent
- Tier III—93.3333 percent
- Tier IV—0 percent

(c) The percentage of the payment for fruit and vegetable crops that are not subject to the payment limitation and AGI provisions are:

- Tier I—5.3333 percent
- Tier II—6 percent
- Tier III—6.6667 percent
- Tier IV—0 percent

(d) In addition to the prohibition in §1416.6(g) a producer may not receive duplicate benefits under this subpart and subpart H of this part, the 2005 Hurricanes Tree Assistance Program.

§ 1416.405 Availability of funds.

(a) In the event that the total amount of eligible claims submitted by eligible fruit and vegetable producers under this subpart and subparts D, F, and G exceeds \$95 million, each payment to an eligible fruit and vegetable producer shall be reduced by a uniform national percentage, as determined by CCC.

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(b) Such payment reduction shall be applied after imposition of applicable per person payment limitation as provided in §1416.6.

Subpart F—Tropical Fruit Disaster Program

§ 1416.500 Applicability.

This subpart sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the Tropical Fruit Disaster Program.

§ 1416.501 Definitions.

Tropical Fruit means carambola, longan, lychee, and mangos for disaster program purposes.

§ 1416.502 Eligibility requirements.

(a) Eligible Tropical Fruit producers must have incurred 50 percent or greater loss in commercial production.

(b) Only those acres of the four eligible fruits located in Tier I or II as designated under §1416.2 shall be considered for payment under this subpart.

§ 1416.503 Application process.

(a) Producers wishing to receive benefits must submit a completed application and report of acreage identifying the geographic location and number of acres in the disaster-affected area to their local FSA Service Center at the time an application for payment is being filed as provided in §1416.5. Applications will not be accepted after such date as announced by FSA. Applications for assistance are available at local FSA Service Centers.

(b) Applicants must certify and provide adequate proof that the losses and expenses incurred to eligible tropical fruit crops were a direct result of the applicable disaster, as set forth in §1416.2.

§ 1416.504 Payment calculation.

(a) Payments are calculated by multiplying the number of affected acres by the payment rate times the producer's share of the crop. The payment rate for insured or NAP covered tropical fruit is a flat rate of \$5000 per acre. The rate for uninsured or acreage without NAP coverage is \$4750 per acre. The total payment is subject to the limitations in §1416.6.

(b) In addition to the prohibition in §1416.6(g), producers cannot receive duplicate benefits under this subpart and subpart H of this part, Hurricane TAP, for the same loss.

§ 1416.505 Availability of funds.

(a) In the event that the total amount of eligible claims submitted by eligible tropical fruit producers under this subpart and subparts D, E, and G exceeds \$95 million, each payment to an eligible tropical fruit producer shall be reduced by a uniform national percentage, as determined by CCC.

(b) Such payment reduction shall be applied after imposition of applicable per person payment limitation as provided in §1416.6.

Subpart G—Nursery Disaster Program

§ 1416.600 Applicability.

This subpart sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the Nursery Disaster Program.

§ 1416.601 Eligibility requirements.

(a) Commercial ornamental nursery and fernery producers are eligible for assistance for inventory losses for each nursery or fernery operation and clean-up costs. For a nursery to be considered a commercial nursery, it must be certified by the appropriate state agency. Eligible producers include producers of the following types of nursery stock and such stock as announced by CCC:

(1) Deciduous shrubs, broadleaf evergreens, coniferous evergreens, shade and flowering trees.

(2) Stock for use as propagation in a commercial ornamental nursery operation.

(3) Fruit or nut seedlings grown for sale as seed stock for commercial orchard operations growing fruit or nuts.

(b) Eligible nursery inventory does not include:

(1) Edible varieties.

(2) Plants produced for reforestation purposes or for the purpose of producing a crop for which RMA does not provide insurance, or for which CCC does not provide assistance under NAP.

(c) Losses will be determined on an individual-nursery basis. Production