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Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) Payment Rates

The following maps show 2014 and 2015 ARC/PLC payments by crop and the average of the payments for the two years. The map of average payments shows how ARC/PLC works to pay different counties over time based on the yields and price in those counties. As this map shows, over time high and low payment rates under ARC-CO are moderated and the pattern tends to be smoothed. This effect is expected to result in further smoothing as the entire 5-year program is completed in future years.

Approximately 1.7 million farms are enrolled in the ARC/PLC program. In 2014, the ARC-CO program paid approximately 900,000 farms a total of \$4.4 billion for all crops. In 2015, the initial ARC-CO program payment run (additional payments are expected later in the year as price and eligibility data become available) is expected to pay approximately \$5.6 billion to about 1.2 million farms.

While not reflected in the maps, the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program paid approximately \$800,000 to about 90,000 farms in 2014 for all crops. In 2015, the initial PLC payment run (additional payments are also expected) is estimated to be about \$1.2 billion to over 350,000 farms.

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