



**HOW THE JANUARY 20, 2009, WHITE HOUSE RULE HOLD AFFECTS
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Agency – Program & Rule Description	Implements 2008 Farm Bill Provisions?	Date Rule/Notice Was Published	Effective Date	Affected by Hold?
CCC – Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for 2008 crops of wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, soybeans, rice, sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, crambe, sesame seed, graded and non-graded wool, mohair, honey, dry peas, lentils, and small chickpeas.	Yes	June 10, 2008 (notice)	June 5, 2008	No
FCIC – Amending the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) Endorsement and the Group Risk Plan Common Policy.	Yes	June 27, 2008 (final rule)	June 25, 2008	No
CCC – Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) payments for the 2008 crop year.	Yes	June 30, 2008 (notice)	June 30, 2008	No
CCC – Payment limitation and payment eligibility provisions (including the average adjusted gross income limitation) for the 2008 crop, fiscal, or program year.	Yes	July 14, 2008 (notice)	July 11, 2008	No
CCC – Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for 2008 crop cotton and peanuts.	Yes	July 25, 2008 (notice)	July 25, 2008	No
AMS – Changes to the regulations for amending federal milk marketing agreements and marketing orders.	Yes	August 20, 2008 (final rule)	August 20, 2008	No
AMS – Changes to the regulations for amending federal fruit, vegetable, and nut marketing agreements and marketing orders.	Yes	August 21, 2008 (final rule)	August 21, 2008	No

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FSIS – Conforming FSIS regulations to the AMS interim rule on COOL published on August 1, 2008, and amending FSIS regulations to provide that the addition of country-of-origin statements on labels of meat or poultry product covered commodities that are to be sold by covered retailers and that comply with the country-of-origin labeling requirements will be considered to be generically approved.	Yes	August 28, 2008 (interim rule) Comments were due September 29, 2008	September 30, 2008	No
AMS – Establishes eligibility and application requirements and grant administration procedures for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program–Farm Bill (SCBGP-FB) to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.	Yes	September 4, 2008 (interim rule) Comments were due November 3, 2008	September 5, 2008	No
APHIS – Amends the requirements for animal identification numbers (AIN) and identification devices.	No	September 18, 2008 (interim rule) Comments were due November 17, 2008	September 18, 2008	No

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NRCS – Affirms as final an interim rule published on June 25, 2008, that amended NRCS’s National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance regulations.	No	September 23, 2008 (affirmation of interim rule as final rule)	September 23, 2008	No
APHIS – Revise regulations regarding the importation, interstate movement, and environmental release of certain genetically engineered organisms .	Yes	October 9, 2008 (proposed rule) November 10, 2008 (correction) Comments were due November 24, 2008 January 16, 2009 Comment period reopened and extended to March 17, 2009	n/a	No
GIPSA – Amends the Packers & Stockyards Act regulations to clarify that swine contractors are prohibited from knowingly circulating misleading reports about market conditions or prices; that they are required to provide business information to authorized USDA personnel; and, that they are required to permit authorized USDA personnel to inspect their business records and facilities.	No	October 21, 2008 (final rule)	November 20, 2008	No

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AMS – Establishes a program for producers and cooperative associations of producers to voluntarily enter into forward price contracts with handlers for milk used for Class II, III, or IV purposes.	Yes	October 31, 2008 (final rule)	November 3, 2008	No
CCC – Amends the regulations governing loan and payment programs for upland cotton and extra-long staple cotton producers and domestic users of upland cotton.	Yes	November 5, 2008 (final rule)	October 31, 2008	No
RUS – Amends the Household Water Well System Grant Program regulations to raise the loan limit to \$11,000 from \$8,000.	Yes	November 18, 2008 (direct final rule) Comments were due December 18, 2008	January 2, 2009	No
EPA – Revises the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting requirements and Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for CAFOs in response to the order issued by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in <i>Waterkeeper Alliance et al. v. EPA</i> , 399 F.3d 486 (2d Cir. 2005).	No	November 20, 2008 (final rule)	December 22, 2008	No
RBS – Development of a proposed rule to implement a BioRefinery Assistance guaranteed loan program.	Yes	November 20, 2008 (advance notice of proposed rulemaking) Comments were due January 20, 2009	n/a	No

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NRCS – Amends the regulations for the Agricultural Management Assistance program (AMA) .	Yes	November 20, 2008 (interim final rule) Comments were due January 20, 2009	November 20, 2008	No
FCIC – Amends the Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) Endorsement, the Group Risk Plan of Insurance Regulations, and the Common Crop Insurance Regulations, Basic Provisions .	Yes	November 24, 2008 (interim rule) Comments were due January 23, 2009	November 19, 2008	No
NRCS – Adopts changes to the regulations governing the activities of the State Technical Committees .	Yes	November 25, 2008 (interim final rule) Comments were due January 26, 2009	November 25, 2008	No
CCC – Amends the regulations for the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program and extends the program from October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2012.	Yes	December 4, 2008 (final rule)	December 1, 2008	No
FSA – Amends regulations for direct and guaranteed Farm Operating loans and Farm Ownership loans , and the lease and disposal of inventory property.	Yes	December 8, 2008 (final rule)	January 7, 2009	No
FCIC – Finalizes the General Administrative Regulations; Administrative Remedies for Non-Compliance .	No	December 18, 2008 (final rule)	January 20, 2009	Probably Not

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EPA – Provides a limited administrative reporting exemption from requirements under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act for releases of hazardous substances to the air that meet or exceed their reportable quantity where the source of those hazardous substances is animal waste at farms .	No	December 18, 2008 (final rule)	January 20, 2009	Probably Not
CCC – Establishes program rules for the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment program (DCP) for the 2008 through 2012 crop years and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program payments for the 2009 through 2012 crop years.	Yes	December 29, 2008 (final rule)	December 23, 2008	No
CCC – Makes changes in payment eligibility, payment attribution, maximum income limits , and maximum dollar benefit amounts for participants in CCC-funded programs in 2009 and subsequent crop, program, or fiscal years.	Yes	December 29, 2008 (interim rule) Comments were due January 28, 2009	December 23, 2008	No
RUS – Adjusts interest rates on direct loans and modifies the interest rate structure currently being used for the RUS direct loan program.	Yes	January 6, 2009 (direct final rule) Comments due February 5, 2009	February 20, 2009	Yes
NRCS – Implements the reauthorization of Regional Equity to give priority to certain states for certain conservation program funding.	Yes	January 13, 2009 (interim rule) Comments due March 16, 2009	January 13, 2009	No

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APHIS – Proposes to amend the regulations governing animal identification numbers (AINs) and premises identification numbers (PINs) for domestic livestock.	No	January 13, 2009 (proposed rule) Comments due March 16, 2009	n/a	Probably Not
NRCS – Informs producers of funds under a new Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) and solicits proposals from potential partners. Up to \$58.4 million in AWEP financial assistance is expected to be available in fiscal year 2009 for NRCS to enter into contracts with producers.	Yes	January 14, 2009 (request for proposals) Proposals due March 2, 2009	n/a	No
NRCS – Amends an earlier interim final rule for the Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) . The 2008 Farm Bill authorizes \$9.75 million for each of the fiscal years 2009 through 2012 to carry out the program.	Yes	January 14, 2009 (proposed rule) Comments due February 13, 2009	n/a	No
AMS – Country-of-origin labeling (COOL) for muscle cuts of beef (including veal), lamb, chicken, goat, and pork; ground beef, ground lamb, ground chicken, ground goat, and ground pork; perishable agricultural commodities; macadamia nuts; pecans; ginseng; and peanuts.	Yes	January 15, 2009 (final rule)	March 16, 2009	Yes
CCC & NRCS – Changes to the Wetlands Reserve Program .	Yes	January 15, 2009 (interim rule) Comments due March 16, 2009	January 15, 2009	No

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CCC & NRCS – Amends the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) regulations.	Yes	January 15, 2009 (interim rule) Comments due March 16, 2009	January 15, 2009	No
CCC – Changes to the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program.	Yes	January 16, 2009 (interim rule) Comments due March 17, 2009	January 16, 2009	No
NRCS – Amends the Technical Service Provider regulations.	Yes	January 16, 2009 (interim rule) Comments due March 17, 2009	January 16, 2009	No
NRCS – Amends the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP).	Yes	January 16, 2009 (interim rule) Comments due March 17, 2009	January 16, 2009	No
CCC – Changes to the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP).	Yes	January 21, 2009 (interim rule) Comments due March 23, 2009	January 21, 2009	Yes

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AMS – A new voluntary standard for a “naturally raised” marketing claim that livestock producers may request to have verified by USDA.	No	January 21, 2009 (notice)	Effective once the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements are satisfied.	Not a rule, so not clear if hold applies.

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