Farm owners can elect to update program payment yields on a covered commodity-by-covered commodity basis for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

- If no decision is made, the default option is to retain 2013 countercyclical yields.
- This is an independent decision from the base acre reallocation option.
- Payment yields can be updated regardless of Title I program choice.
- Payment yields are used only for purposes of PLC payment calculations (if triggered).
- The yield update formula for a covered commodity is equal to the following equation:

\[ (90\% \times \text{Farm's 2008 through 2012 average yield per planted acre}) \]

- Any year in which the covered commodity was not planted is excluded from this simple average.
- If the yield for a farm for any of the 2008 to 2012 crop years was less than 75% of the county level yield, producers can substitute that yield in the calculation with a yield equal to 75% of the county average yield.
- Substitute county level yields are available for selected crops, by state from USDA FSA.
- The following example calculates a program payment yield update for a corn farm located in Tensas parish. Assume that the farm has a current countercyclical yield of 70 bushels.

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<th>Year</th>
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- Updated Payment Yield | 122.40 bushels

- The updated program yield is calculated by applying the following equation.

\[ 90\% \times \left[ \frac{(135+129+124+118+174)}{5} \right] = 122.40 \]

- In this example, the farm yield per planted acre was greater than 75% of the 2008-12 average county yield reported by USDA FSA of 103 bushels for all crop years.
- From this example, the program yield update for corn would result in the program payment yield increasing from 70 to 122.40 bushels.

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