Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought

Notice 2020-74

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

This notice provides guidance regarding an extension of the replacement period under § 1033(e) of the Internal Revenue Code for livestock sold on account of drought in specified counties.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND

.01 Nonrecognition of Gain on Involuntary Conversion of Livestock. Section 1033(a) generally provides for nonrecognition of gain when property is involuntarily converted and replaced with property that is similar or related in service or use. Section 1033(e)(1) provides that a sale or exchange of livestock (other than poultry) held by a taxpayer for draft, breeding, or dairy purposes in excess of the number that would be sold following the taxpayer’s usual business practices is treated as an involuntary conversion if the livestock is sold or exchanged solely on account of drought, flood, or other weather-related conditions.

.02 Replacement Period. Section 1033(a)(2)(A) generally provides that gain from an involuntary conversion is recognized only to the extent the amount realized on the conversion exceeds the cost of replacement property purchased during the replacement period. If a sale or exchange of livestock is treated as an involuntary conversion under § 1033(e)(1) and is solely on account of drought, flood, or other weather-related
conditions that result in the area being designated as eligible for assistance by the federal government, § 1033(e)(2)(A) provides that the replacement period ends four years after the close of the first taxable year in which any part of the gain from the conversion is realized. Section 1033(e)(2)(B) provides that the Secretary may extend this replacement period on a regional basis for such additional time as the Secretary determines appropriate if the weather-related conditions that resulted in the area being designated as eligible for assistance by the federal government continue for more than three years. Section 1033(e)(2) is effective for any taxable year with respect to which the due date (without regard to extensions) for a taxpayer's return is after December 31, 2002.

SECTION 3. EXTENSION OF REPLACEMENT PERIOD UNDER § 1033(e)(2)(B)

Notice 2006-82, 2006-2 C.B. 529, provides for extensions of the replacement period under § 1033(e)(2)(B). If a sale or exchange of livestock is treated as an involuntary conversion on account of drought and the taxpayer's replacement period is determined under § 1033(e)(2)(A), the replacement period will be extended under § 1033(e)(2)(B) and Notice 2006-82 until the end of the taxpayer's first taxable year ending after the first drought-free year for the applicable region. For this purpose, the first drought-free year for the applicable region is the first 12-month period that (1) ends August 31; (2) ends in or after the last year of the taxpayer's four-year replacement period determined under § 1033(e)(2)(A); and (3) does not include any weekly period for which exceptional, extreme, or severe drought is reported for any location in the applicable region. The applicable region is the county that experienced the drought.
conditions on account of which the livestock was sold or exchanged and all counties that are contiguous to that county.

A taxpayer may determine whether exceptional, extreme, or severe drought is reported for any location in the applicable region by reference to U.S. Drought Monitor maps that are produced on a weekly basis by the National Drought Mitigation Center. U.S. Drought Monitor maps are archived at [http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Maps/MapArchive.aspx](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Maps/MapArchive.aspx).

In addition, Notice 2006-82 provides that the Internal Revenue Service will publish in September of each year a list of counties for which exceptional, extreme, or severe drought was reported during the preceding 12 months. Taxpayers may use this list instead of U.S. Drought Monitor maps to determine whether exceptional, extreme, or severe drought has been reported for any location in the applicable region.

The Appendix to this notice contains the list of counties for which exceptional, extreme, or severe drought was reported during the 12-month period ending August 31, 2020. Under Notice 2006-82, the 12-month period ended on August 31, 2020, is not a drought-free year for an applicable region that includes any county on this list. Accordingly, for a taxpayer who qualified for a four-year replacement period for livestock sold or exchanged on account of drought and whose replacement period is scheduled to expire at the end of 2020 (or, in the case of a fiscal year taxpayer, at the end of the taxable year that includes August 31, 2020), the replacement period will be extended under § 1033(e)(2) and Notice 2006-82 if the applicable region includes any county on

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1 The term “counties” in this notice includes boroughs, census areas, counties, islands, municipalities, or parishes.
this list. This extension will continue until the end of the taxpayer’s first taxable year ending after a drought-free year for the applicable region.

SECTION 4. DRAFTING INFORMATION

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APPENDIX

Alabama


Alaska


Arizona

Counties of Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yavapai.

Arkansas

Counties of Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Columbia, Lafayette, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, and Union.

California

Counties of Alameda, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sierra,
Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba.

Colorado


Connecticut


Delaware

Counties of Kent and New Castle.

District of Columbia

District of Columbia.

Florida


Georgia


Hawaii

Counties of Hawaii, Kalawao, and Maui.

Idaho

Counties of Blaine, Butte, Camas, and Custer.

Illinois

Counties of Gallatin, Hardin, and White.

Indiana

Counties of Clark, Crawford, Dubois, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson, Perry, Posey, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, and Warrick.

Iowa


Kansas

Counties of Cheyenne, Clark, Ellis, Finney, Gove, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kingman, Lane, Logan, McPherson, Marion, Meade, Morton, Ness, Pawnee, Rawlins, Reno, Rush, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Trego, Wallace, and Wichita.

Kentucky

Counties of Adair, Barren, Bell, Bourbon, Boyle, Breathitt, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Butler, Carroll, Casey, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Daviess, Edmonson, Estill, Fayette, Floyd, Gallatin, Garrard, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hardin, Harlan, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Hopkins, Jackson, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott,

**Louisiana**

Parishes of Assumption, Avoyelles, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, Franklin, Jefferson, Lafourche, La Salle, Madison, Plaquemines, Rapides, Richland, Saint Bernard, Saint Charles, Saint James, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Tammany, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, and Webster.

**Maine**

Counties of Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Washington, and York.

**Maryland**

City of Baltimore. Counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Saint Mary's, and Talbot.

**Massachusetts**

Counties of Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Worcester.

**Minnesota**

County of Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Itasca, Lake, and Saint Louis.

**Mississippi**

Counties of Adams, Claiborne, George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, and Stone.

**Missouri**

Counties of Christian, Douglas, Greene, Lawrence, Stone, and Webster.

**Montana**

Counties of Beaverhead, Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, and Powder River.
Nebraska


Nevada


New Hampshire

Counties of Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, and Sullivan.

New Jersey

County of Salem.

New Mexico

Counties of Bernalillo, Catron, Chaves, Cibola, Colfax, Curry, DeBaca, Dona Ana, Eddy, Grant, Guadalupe, Harding, Hidalgo, Lea, Lincoln, Los Alamos, Luna, McKinley, Mora, Otero, Quay, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Sierra, Taos, Torrance, Union, and Valencia.

New York

Counties of Franklin and Saint Lawrence.

North Carolina


North Dakota

Counties of Benson, Burleigh, Morton, Oliver, and Pierce.

Oklahoma

Counties of Alfalfa, Atoka, Beaver, Beckham, Blaine, Caddo, Choctaw, Cimarron,

Oregon


Rhode Island

Counties of Bristol, Kent, Newport, Providence, and Washington.

South Carolina


South Dakota

Counties of Bennett, Fall River, Lincoln, Oglala Lakota, and Union.

Tennessee


Texas

Utah


Virginia


Washington


West Virginia

Wisconsin

County of Douglas.

Wyoming

Counties of Albany, Big Horn, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Fremont, Goshen, Hot Springs, Johnson, Laramie, Natrona, Niobrara, Platte, Sheridan, Sweetwater, Uinta, and Washakie.

Guam

Island of Guam.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Islands of Rota and Saipan.

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico


United States Virgin Islands

Islands of Saint Croix, Saint John, and Saint Thomas.