

AFPC QLA Calculator for Cotton

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When is the deadline to apply? FSA has [extended](#) the deadline to April 9, 2021.

Can I use a program like Numbers or Google Sheets instead of Excel for AFPC's QLA Calculator for Cotton? No. Even if other programs may allow you to open the worksheet and input data, the formulas will not work.

Do I have to enter all of this by hand? Only as a last resort! Your gin or marketing coop may be able to provide the needed data for you. Feel free to reach out to our office to explore other options before resorting to entering the data by hand.

Why am I getting an error that says I need to put in a password? The calculator is password-protected to prevent important formulas from being erased. If you are getting this error, you are likely trying to paste too much information into the calculator. For example, the gray area is 6 columns wide. If you are trying to copy and paste 7 columns of data, you will get an error because you are trying to paste over protected cells.

Do I have to change the values in the blue cells? The values in the blue cells are provided for your convenience. You must change these values as needed to reflect the specific circumstances on your farm(s).

Why am I not seeing default values in the blue cells if I've entered values in the gray cells? It is likely because you haven't entered the state in which the bale was produced. Once you've entered the state (Column F), default values will appear in the blue cells.

When I put my contract price in Column N, why doesn't it change the loss? Quality losses for cotton are based simply off of loan discounts (i.e. the extent to which the actual loan rate for a bale falls below \$0.52/lb). The contract price is used to determine your value before loss, which in turn is used in determining if you meet the 5% loss requirement.

Do I have to use loan discounts in determining the quality loss on my cotton or can I use other discounts? It is FSA's policy to use loan discounts only to determine quality losses for cotton (for purposes of QLA).

What do I do if I have a contract price and my actual quality losses are far bigger than my loan discounts? For QLA, quality losses for cotton are based simply off of loan discounts (i.e. the extent to which the actual loan rate for a bale falls below \$0.52/lb).

What if I don't know the price at which I sold every bale? For QLA, the price at which you sold is irrelevant. The quality loss is based off of loan discounts only.

What do I do if I don't have the "actual loan value" for Column K? You can enter loan premiums/discounts in Column W instead. If you enter values in Column W, leave Column K blank. If you don't have the Actual Loan Rate or the list of premiums/discounts, please contact your gin.

Why is my Print worksheet blank? If the Print worksheet is blank, it's likely because (1) you haven't entered data in the "Cotton_2018" or "Cotton_2019 worksheets" or (2) because you are using a program like Numbers or Google Sheets which are not supported.

Do all disaster events qualify for QLA? No! You must have suffered a quality loss from a qualifying disaster event. The qualifying disaster events for QLA are listed in a drop-down box in Column B. Click [here](#) to check if your county is eligible.

Do I have to give the AFPC QLA Calculator for Cotton (or a printout) to FSA? No. You simply have to provide verifiable records (e.g. bale records) and completed FSA-898 application(s).

How do I print the AFPC QLA Calculator for Cotton? You have a few options. All worksheets are formatted for printing. From File>>Print, you can typically select "Active Sheets" (which prints the worksheet you currently have open) or "Entire Workbook" (which prints all worksheets in the file). Depending on your setup, you may also have the ability to "print" to PDF or save as a PDF.

Can I include cotton harvested on acreage that was planted to another crop in the same crop year? Contact your local FSA office to ask if the second crop cotton is eligible.