

2008 National Rural Mail Count Event Dates

The following are some important dates relative to the national count and inspection of rural routes.

- 12-15-07** Begin the "Option In" period for regular carriers and management.
- 1-11-08** End of the "Option In" period.
- 1-11-08** All vacant regular routes with no regular carrier assigned will be scheduled to be counted
- 1-18-08** Carriers not available during "Option In" period must complete and submit "Option In" forms
- 1-22-08** Where DPS is being introduced, the NRLCA representative and designated USPS manager at the unit level must jointly review the DPS sort scheme. DPS must be running by this date.
- 1-23-08** Rural route inspections may begin
- 2-2-08** Any auxiliary route converted to regular status between January 11 and February 2, 2008 will be scheduled to be counted
- 2-7-08** Pre-count conferences must be completed
- 2-22-08** For routes where DPS is being introduced, DPS quality of 98% must have been achieved.
- 2-23-08** 12-day national mail count begins where management or carrier has opted to count the route
- 3-7-08** Last day of 12-day national mail count. Inspections for routes being counted must be complete
- 3-11-08** Forms 4241 must be totaled at the delivery unit
- 3-13-08** Last day for carriers to review Forms 4241
- 4-19-08** New Forms 4241-A will be completed and sent to delivery units
- 4-26-08** New route evaluations will go into effect