# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250

For: Peanut Producing State and County Offices, DMA's

Commodity Certificate Exchange (CCE) for 2015 Crop Peanut Loan Transactions by Designated Marketing Associations (DMA's)

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

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#### 1 Overview

#### A Background

Effective with the 2015 crop MAL program, CCC will offer for sale a commodity certificate that must be immediately redeemed for outstanding nonrecourse MAL collateral by a producer.

A CCC-694-2 must be completed by each DMA and DMA producer. If the DMA has been designated an agent for a producer with a current FSA-211 or CCC-605P the DMA can complete and file the CCC-694-2 on behalf of the producer.

There will be 2 phases of implementing CCE's. Phase 1 is the manual CCE process for the 2015 crop year. Phase 2 will be the automation of CCE's for 2016 in CLPS.

#### **B** Purpose

This notice informs DMA's about:

- the commodity certificate exchange process for peanuts.
- the requirement to complete CCC-694-2.
- peanuts to be exchanged with a commodity certificate as a manual process by DMA's.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2016	Peanut Producing State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices, and DMA's

# 2 Policy and Procedure

## A Producer Action

For the 2015 crop year eligible peanut producers who request a loan redemption to be recorded as a CCE must:

- have an outstanding nonrecourse commodity loan, not past maturity.
- complete and sign a CCC-694-2, according to subparagraph 3C.
- immediately exchange commodity certificate for loan collateral.

# **B DMA** Action

DMA's shall:

- complete one CCC-694-2, Acknowledgement of Commodity Certificate Purchase, in the name of the DMA for the 2015 crop year according to subparagraph 3 B
- submit the original copy of the CCC-694-2 to the DMA service County Office
- obtain and maintain a CCC-694-2 for each producer that redeems a peanut MAL using CCE according to subparagraph 3 C
- complete one CCC-694-2 on behalf of the producer if the DMA has a current FSA-211 or CCC-605P on file with the DMA according to subparagraph 3 C and file the completed CCC-694-2 at the DMA
- enter the assigned CCC-694-2 number on the transmission statement according to subparagraph 3 E
- submit producer's files through the interim process to record and track benefits.
  - **Note:** Instructions for submitting files through the interim process will be provided at a later date.

#### **3** CCE for Loan Collateral

#### A Purpose and Use of CCC-694-2

CCC-694-2 is the DMA's producer's acknowledgement of the commodity certificate purchase and exchanged immediately for loan collateral. CCC-694-2's for DMA producers shall be completed by the producer and filed in the producer's folder at the DMA unless the DMA is the producers designated agent.

**Important:** CCC-694-2 **must never:** 

- leave the DMA.
- be copied.
- be faxed.

#### **B** DMA's Instructions for Completing CCC-694-2

DMA's shall complete CCC-694-2 according to the following table.

Item	Instructions
1	Enter the crop year.
2	Enter the name and address of the DMA.
3-6	No entry required.
7	No entry required by the DMA. DMA service County Office shall enter the transaction number which will be comprised of the crop year, 5-digit State and county code, 00000 as the 5-digit loan number, and 0001 as the final four digits. <b>Example</b> : 15-78099-00000-0001
8	Check boxes 8C and 8D.
9	No entry required – DMA certification agreeing to the terms to purchase a commodity certificate for exchange of outstanding MAL collateral.
10 A-C	DMA representative shall sign, enter their title, and date the CCC-694-2.

# C DMA Producer or Agent Instructions for Completing CCC-694-2

DMA's producer or designated agent shall complete CCC-694-2 according to the following table.

Item	Instructions
1	Enter the crop year.
2	Enter the name and address of the producer requesting the CCE.
3-6	No entry required.
7	Enter the manually assigned commodity certificate transaction number assigned according to subparagraph 3 E.
8A	Leave blank.
8 B	Leave blank.
8 C	Enter " <b>X</b> " if all outstanding MAL's are to be redeemed by designated agents, buyers, or alternative delivery partners as a CCE at the rate in effect on the date of redemption.
	<b>Note:</b> One request is sufficient for <b>all</b> applicable outstanding loan(s) for the entire crop year, and shall be submitted by producer(s). Producers can select 8C and 8D on the same form.
8D	Enter " <b>X</b> " for previous redemptions and loan gains for 2015 crop <b>only</b> to indicate <b>all</b> previous 2015 crop year MAL redemptions processed are to be converted to a CCE at the applicable exchange rate in effect at the time the original redemption occurred.
	<b>Note:</b> One request is sufficient for <b>all</b> prior redemptions on applicable loan(s), and is to be submitted by the producer(s). Producers can select 8C and 8D on the same form.
9	No entry required – producer certification agreeing to the terms to purchase a commodity certificate for exchange of outstanding MAL collateral.
10	Obtain the signature of the producer(s) and enter the date signed. If the DMA is the designated agent enter the signature of the authorized representative of the DMA.
11	Enter any applicable remarks.

# **D** Example of CCC-694-2

The following is an example of CCC-694-2.

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# **D** Example of CCC-694-2 (Continued)

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NOTE:	The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a – as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 1401, 7 CFR Part 1421, 7 CFR Part 1427, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79). The information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under a CCC loan program through documentation of producer/producer's representative acknowledgement of the commodity certificate purchase. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated) and USDA/FSA-				
	14, Applicant/Borrower. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under a CCC loan program.				
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#### E Assigning Manual Transaction ID Numbers on CCC-694-2

Each commodity certificate transaction shall be identified by a unique 16-digit transaction number until CLPS is updated to accept CCE's.

DMA's shall:

- manually assign the commodity certificate transaction ID
- maintain a register of commodity certificate transaction ID numbers on an Excel or compatible spreadsheet

Note: The Excel spreadsheet is available on both PSD's CCE SharePoint site, and Price Support's Internet site at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/price-support/Index.

• assign the commodity certificate transaction ID number sequentially on the CCC-694-2 if 8C and/or 8D are checked - the transaction number will be comprised of the crop year, 5-digit State and county code, "XXXXX" for the loan number, and a 4-digit sequential number, such as **15-48828-00000-0001.** 

Note: The 4-digit sequential number will begin with "0001".

# E Assigning Manual Transaction ID Numbers on CCC-694-2 (continued)

DMA's shall maintain a Commodity Certificate Exchange (CCE) Interim Register on an Excel spreadsheet according to the following table.

Column	Column Header	Record the following
1	Crop Year	<b>"YY"</b> for the crop year, "15" for crop year 2015.
2	State & County Code	State and county code as "SSCCC" (no dashes).
3	Loan #	5-digit loan number as "XXXXX".
		Note: For options 8C and 8D enter "00000" (zeros).
4	Cert. #	Sequentially assign a 4-digit certificate number, <b>"XXXX"</b> , starting with <b>"0001"</b> .
5	Producer	Producer or entity name as it appears on the loan.
6	Commodity	Enter the applicable commodity code. Use " <b>PNT</b> " for peanuts.
7	Turn-Around Loan	Leave blank.
8	Commodity Certificate Purchase	Enter an "X" for commodity certificates exchanged for collateral on open loans, otherwise leave blank. (8B on CCC-694-2)
9	Redemptions by Agents, Buyers & Alternative Delivery Partners (Peanuts & Cotton only)	Enter an "X" to request that all peanut redemptions by agents, buyers, and alternative delivery partners are processed using the CCC at the applicable exchange rate in effect on the date the repayment is received in the County Office, otherwise leave blank. (8C on CCC-694-2)
10	Previous Redemptions & Loan gains (2015 Crop only)	Enter an "X" to request to convert previous redemptions and loan gains for 2015 crop to a CCE at the applicable exchange rate in effect at the time the original redemption occurred, otherwise leave blank. (8D on CCC-694-2)

# E Assigning Manual Transaction ID Numbers on CCC-694-2 (Continued)

Column	Column Header	Record the following
11	Quantity	quantity being exchanged on outstanding loan (8B on CCC-694-2). Leave blank, if options 8C and/or 8D were selected.
12	Purchase Date	For loans for immediate redemption, enter the date the CCC-694-2 was completed in the County Office or LSA. (8A or 8B on CCC-694-2)
13	CHECK AMT	Leave blank, if options 8C and/or 8D were selected. For loans for immediate redemption, enter the calculated commodity certificate value in dollars and cents, "\$0.00" purchased by the producer. (8A or 8B on CCC-694-2)
14	CLPS DATE	Leave blank, if options 8C and/or 8D were selected. For loans for immediate redemption, enter the date the exchange transaction was recorded in the automated system. (8A or 8B on CCC-694-2) Leave blank, if options 8C and/or 8D were selected.

# F Redemptions Submitted by Buyers, Agents, or Alternative Delivery Partners – Option 8C

Phase 1 requires **each** producer to complete a CCC-694-2 and select option 8C for any 2015 crop MAL redeemed by an agent, buyer or alternative delivery partner if they wish to have the transaction processed as CCE if the exchange rate is in effect at the time of the redemption. Only **one** CCC-694-2 needs to be completed for the 2015 peanut crop year if a producer selects item 8C.

County Offices and DMA's **shall** continue to use existing software to process peanut loan redemptions.

**Note:** If a producer **fails** to submit a completed CCC-694-2 for option 8C, **all** CCR transactions for the applicable producer will be treated as "cash" redemptions **and** any market gains will be subject to payment limitation and AGI provisions.

#### G Previous Redemptions and Loan Gains for 2015 Crop – Option 8D

Phase 1 requires **each** producer to complete a CCC-694-2 and select option 8D for any 2015 crop MAL redeemed and proceed through the County Office if they wish to have previous transactions to be converted to CCE if the exchange rate was in effect at the time the redemption occurred, and if all other eligibility requirements have been met.

**For the 2015 peanut crop only** – a producer may select options 8C **and** 8D at the same time on the same CCC-694-2, and the provisions will be applicable to **all** eligible 2015 peanut crop loans obtained by the DMA.

The conversion of previous redemptions and loan gains will be addressed in greater detail in a future notice.