

For: All FSA County Offices

**Cooperative Marketing Association (CMA) and Designated Marketing
Association (DMA) Volume Report Review Actions**

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

Notice CMA-81 provided State and County Offices, CMA's and DMA's with policy instituting controls to avoid the potential for duplicate benefits, and with a format for a report to be created by CMA's and DMA's to be analyzed by applicable County Offices.

Arkansas Notice CMA-1 provided instructions to County Offices for analyzing "CMA Duplicate Benefits Tracking Report." This report was posted to the Arkansas State Office Intranet site. Detailed instructions were provided to process and submit this report.

Arkansas Notice CMA-2 provided instructions to County Offices for reconciliation of possible duplicate benefits or excess benefits provided in a subsequent tracking report entitled "Potential Duplicates."

B Purpose

County Offices shall follow instructions provided in this notice to collect refunds of duplicate or excess benefits. For duplicate benefit problems resulting from this report only, the County Office-provided benefit will be considered the duplicate. This information has the concurrence of the Program Manager, National Price Support Division. Collection of refunds of duplicate or excess benefits should be processed in a timely manner.

C Contact

Persons with questions about this notice may contact Anita Wilson, Price Support Specialist, at (501) 301-3065.

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2 Administrative County Office Action

A Duplicate Benefit Problems

Administrative County Offices shall refer to the “Potential Duplicates” report to determine, if applicable, which producers must refund LDP’s or marketing assistance loan gains.

- Follow instructions in Handbook 1-CMA (Rev. 1), subparagraph 140 B, pages 4-115 and 4-116, for processing refunds of ineligible volume for a loan that has been repaid at the marketing repayment rate. The County Office-provided benefit will be considered the duplicate benefit. Refer to 8-LP, subparagraph 23 C, for a sample notification letter to the producer.
- Follow instructions in Handbook 1-CMA (Rev. 1), subparagraph 140 B, page 4-117, and Handbook 12-PS, subparagraph 1951 C, for processing refunds of ineligible volume for LDP that have been paid. The County Office-provided benefit will be considered the duplicate benefit. Refer to 8-LP, subparagraph 23 C, for a sample notification letter to the producer.

B Problems Arising From COC-Established Yields

Handbook 8-LP provides that:

- If the quantity offered for loan or LDP is not reasonable based on the COC-established yield, County Offices shall not approve the loan or LDP for a quantity exceeding the quantity COC determines could have been reasonably produced on the eligible acreage
- If the producer is not satisfied with the maximum quantity, County Offices shall give the producer appeal rights to COC.

For loan and LDP purposes, CMA’s are considered to be the producer because CMA obtains the loan or LDP. Therefore, CMA’s and their members shall be subject to the same controls as producers receiving benefits from a County Office.

Follow instructions provided in Handbook 1-CMA (Rev. 1), subparagraph 554 C, for resolving problems arising from COC-established yields.