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Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Subparagraph 21 B has been amended to update the screen examples for State and National Office users.

Subparagraphs 21 C and 21 D have been amended to include:

- menu options for the “Bulk Create LAR” process
- instructions for selecting multiple States and counties.

Subparagraph 22 C has been amended to add display descriptions when multiple States or counties are selected.

Subparagraph 24 C has been amended to update the description of the “Save and Continue” button.

Paragraph 25 has been added to provide instructions for the “Bulk Disaster Information Screen”.

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Part 2 – STORM Loss Assessment Reports

20 Accessing STORM

A Overview

All STORM functions:

- are within the web-based software
- can only be updated by FSA employees with eAuthentication Level II certification.

B Accessing STORM

Access STORM according to the following table.

Step	Action
1	Access the FSA Applications page at https://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsa/applications.asp .
2	On the left side under FSA Applications CLICK “P-Z” .
3	Under Applications Directory, P to Z, CLICK “STORM - Systematic Tracking for Optimal Risk Management” .

21 STORM Home Page

A Overview

The STORM Home Screen allows users to select the applicable calendar year and State/County. The system will default to the user’s assigned State/County. If the user is assigned to multiple County Offices, the software will default to the State/County with the lowest State/County code first.

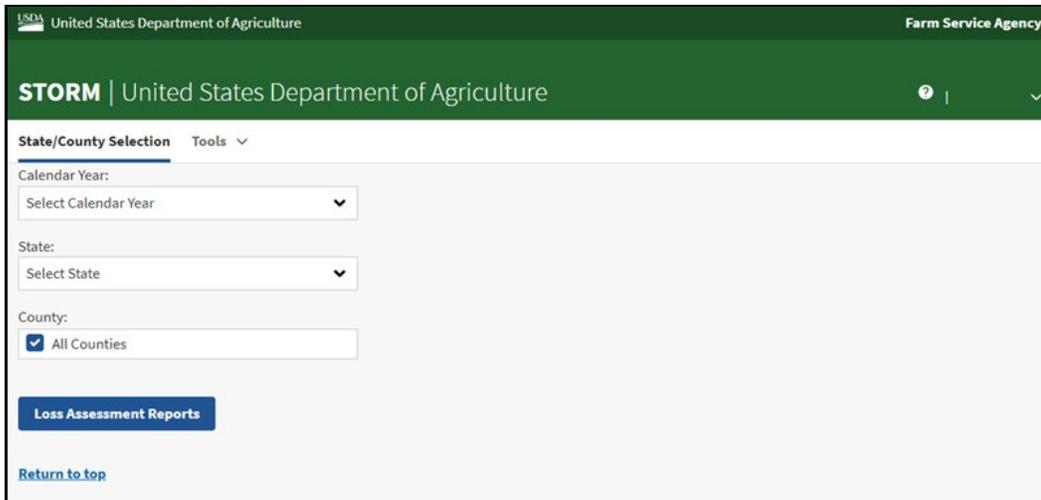
B Example of STORM Home Screen

Following is an example of the STORM Home Screen for County Office users.



Following is an example of the STORM Home Screen for State Office users.

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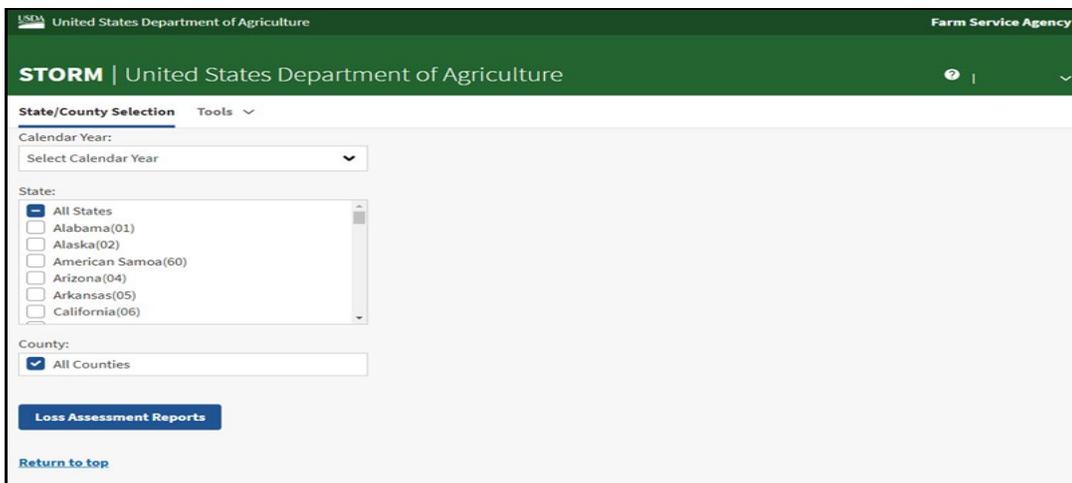


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21 **STORM Home Page (Continued)**

B Example of STORM Home Screen (Continued)

*--Following is an example of the STORM Home Screen for National Office users.



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C Top Navigation Bar

The top navigation bar is displayed on all screens within the STORM system. The following table provides an explanation of the links in the top navigation bar.

Option	Explanation
State/County Selection	Allows users to select a calendar year and State/county.
Loss Assessment Reports	<p>Allows users to return to the list of Loss Assessment Reports for the selected calendar year, state and county.</p> <p>Note: The Loss Assessment Reports link is not available on the STORM Home Screen.</p>
Tools	<p>*--Allows users to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • change to a different user role, or • create Loss Assessment Reports for multiple counties. <p>Note: The Bulk Create tool is only available to users with State Admin and National Admin Roles.--*</p>

21 STORM Home Page (Continued)

D Field Descriptions and Actions for STORM Home Screen

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the STORM Home Screen.

Field/Button	Description/Action
Calendar Year	Allows users to select the applicable calendar year for the disaster event.
State/County	<p>Allows users to select the applicable State and county for the disaster event.</p> <p>Note: This field is only available for County Office user roles.</p>
State	<p>Allows State and National users to select the applicable State.</p> <p>*--National users and national admin users have the capability to select multiple states.</p> <p>Note: This field is only available for State and National user roles.</p>
County	<p>Allows State and National users to select one or more counties within the selected State.</p> <p>If a national user has selected more than one State, “All Counties” is the only selection available in the County drop-down menu.--*</p> <p>Note: This field is only available for State and National user roles.</p>
Loss Assessment Reports	Allows users to list or create LAR’s for the selected calendar year, State, and county.
Return to Top	Allows users to return to the top of the data entry portion of the screen.

22 Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen

A Overview

The Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen allows users to create, edit, and view LAR's for the selected calendar year, State, and county.

B Example of Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen

Following is an example of the Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen' interface. At the top, it displays 'USDA United States Department of Agriculture' and 'Farm Service Agency'. Below this, the 'STORM' logo and 'United States Department of Agriculture' are visible. The interface includes a 'State/County Selection' section with 'Calendar Year: 2021', 'State: Minnesota (27)', and 'County: East Otter Tail (111)'. A 'Tools' dropdown menu is also present. The main heading is 'Loss Assessment Reports', followed by an 'Add New LAR' button. A table lists the reports with columns for Start Date, LAR Number, Disaster Type(s), Loss Type(s) Reported, Met 30%, and Actions. The table contains three rows of data. At the bottom, there are navigation arrows for 'Previous', '1', and 'Next', along with a 'Return to top' link.

Start Date	LAR Number	Disaster Type(s)	Loss Type(s) Reported	Met 30%	Actions
02/06/2021	2053	Freeze	Crop Loss, Livestock Loss, Property Loss	N	View/Print Edit Survey
02/02/2021	1801	Ice, High Winds, Freeze	Crop Loss, Livestock Loss, Property Loss	Y	View/Print Edit Survey
02/01/2021	2054	Earthquake	Crop Loss	N	View/Print Edit Survey

22 Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions for the Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen.

Field/Button	Description/Action	
Calendar Year	Displays the calendar year.	
State	Displays the recording State. *--Note: “State” will appear in the header for State and County users and as a column in the LAR listing for National users.	
County	Displays the recording county. Note: County will appear in the header for County users and as a column in the LAR listing for State and National users.	
Add New LAR	Allows users to create a new LAR for the selected calendar year, State, and county. Note: If a State or National User has selected multiple states or counties, the “Add New LAR” button will be disabled.--*	
Start Date	Displays the beginning date of the disaster event.	
LAR Number	Displays the system-generated identification number for the LAR.	
Disaster Type(s)	Displays the specific disaster conditions that caused the losses recorded in the LAR.	
Loss Type(s) Reported	Displays the types of losses recorded in the LAR.	
	Indicator	Description
	Crop Loss	Losses to one or more crops have been recorded on the LAR.
	Livestock Loss	Losses to one or more types of livestock have been recorded on the LAR.
Property Loss	Losses to farm property, conservation structures or fencing have been recorded on the LAR.	
Met 30%	Indicates if one or more crop losses resulted in a loss of more than 30 percent of the crop’s value because of the disaster event. Note: Value loss crops that suffer a 30 percent or greater loss do not currently change the “Met 30%” indicator.	

22 Loss Assessment Report Selection Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions for the Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen

Field/Button	Description/Action	
Actions	Link	Description
	View/Print	Opens the LAR in view-only mode to review data or print the summary page.
	Edit	Opens the LAR in Edit mode so changes can be made. Note: This button is only available for FSA County Office employees and admin roles.
	Delete	Deletes a LAR. Note: This button is only available for State admin and National admin users.
	Survey	Opens the LAR in edit mode and navigates directly to the credit survey section of the LAR.

D Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen Footer Information

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen footer.

If more than 10 LAR’s have been created for the selected calendar year, State, and county, the search results displayed on the Loss Assessment Reports Selection Screen will be paginated. Buttons are provided in the footer to navigate through pages of LAR’s.

Field/Button	Description/Action
Previous	If the screen is displaying something other than first page of LAR results, allows the user to navigate to a previous page of LAR’s.
Numbers 1-10	Allows the user to navigate to a specific page in the list of LAR’s.
Next	Allows the user to navigate to the next group of LAR’s in the list.

23 Loss Assessment Report Screen - General Information

A Overview

After a Loss Assessment Report has been selected or the “Add New LAR” button has been clicked, the Loss Assessment Report Screen will be displayed.

B Example of Loss Assessment Report Screen

Following is an example of the Loss Assessment Report Screen.

The screenshot displays the STORM interface for the United States Department of Agriculture. It features a green header with the STORM logo and a navigation menu with options for State/County Selection, Loss Assessment Reports, and Tools. A progress bar at the top indicates the current step is Disaster Information, with other steps being Crop Loss, Livestock Loss, Property Loss, Survey, and Summary. The main content area provides the following details:

LAR Number: 6799	Calendar Year: 2021	State: Minnesota (27)	County: East Otter Tail (111)
Disaster Start Date: 03/01/2021	Disaster End Date: 03/01/2021	Disaster Type(s): Hurricane	Area(s) of County: North West, North Central, North East, West Central, Central, East Central, South West, South Central, South East
Farms Affected by this Disaster: 100	Farms with Physical Damage: 10		

A [Go to bottom](#) link is located at the bottom left of the screen.

24 Disaster Information Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions for Disaster Information Screen (Continued)

Field/Button	Description/Action		
Disaster Type(s)	Disaster Category	Disaster Type	Description
(Continued)	Storms (Continued)	Tornado	A violently rotating column of air touching the ground, usually attached to the base of a thunderstorm.
		Excessive Rain	Significant rainfall accumulated in a single storm event.
		Flash Flood	A sudden local flood, typically caused by heavy rain.
		Hail	Pellets of frozen rain.
		High Winds	High winds that cause damage to agriculture.
		Lightning	Natural electric discharge between a cloud and the ground that results in damage or destruction of property.
	Wet Conditions	Flooding	Complete inundation of normally dry land.
		Excessive Rain	Significant rainfall accumulated in a single storm event.
		Flash Flood	A sudden local flood, typically caused by heavy rain.
		Landslide	Movement of rock, debris, or earth down a slope due to excessive rain.
		Mudslide	Movement of wet earth that suddenly moves down a slope.

24 Disaster Information Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions for Disaster Information Screen (Continued)

Field/Button	Description/Action
Total Farms Affected by this Disaster	This field is used to enter the number of farms affected by this disaster as determined by the CEB.
Number of Farms with Physical Damage	This field is used to enter the number of farms with physical damage as determined by the CEB.
Comments on Disaster	This field is used to record additional comments to further explain the data entered for the disaster event.
Exit	Exits the LAR and returns the user to the Loss Assessment Report Selection Screen. Information not previously saved is discarded.
Save and Continue	*--Advances to the Crop Loss Screen.--*

*--25 Bulk Disaster Information Screen

A Overview

State Admin and National Admin users have the capability to create LAR's for multiple counties for a specific disaster event. The Bulk Entry process allows the admin user to record basic disaster details. Individual LAR's can then be edited by authorized users after the initial LAR is created.

B Example of Bulk Disaster Information Screen

Following is an example of the Bulk Create LAR Screen.

The screenshot displays the 'Bulk Disaster Information' form within the STORM application. The header includes 'United States Department of Agriculture' and 'Farm Service Agency'. The form is set for 'State: Massachusetts (25)' and 'County: Barnstable (001)'. It features two date pickers for 'Start Date' and 'End Date'. The 'Affected Area(s) of County' section has a grid of checkboxes, with 'ALL', 'North', 'Central', 'South', 'West', 'North West', 'West Central', 'South West', 'Central', 'North Central', 'Central', 'South Central', 'East', 'North East', 'East Central', and 'South East' all selected. The 'Disaster Type(s)' section includes five categories: 'Cold or Freezing Temps' (Blizzard, Excessive Snow, Freeze, Frost, Ice, High Winds), 'Geologic Hazards' (Earthquake, Volcano, Vog, Tsunami, Landslide, Mudslide), 'Heat and Drought' (Drought, Dust Storm, Excessive Heat, Wildfire, Lightning, High Winds), 'Storms' (Hurricane, Typhoon, Tropical Storm, Tornado, Excessive Rain, Flash Flood, Hail, High Winds, Lightning, NOAA Storm name), and 'Wet Conditions' (Flooding, Excessive Rain, Flash Flood, Landslide, Mudslide). At the bottom, there are input fields for 'Total Farms Affected by this Disaster' (value 0) and 'Number of Farms with Physical Damage' (value 0), a 'Comments on Disaster' text area, and 'Exit' and 'Save and Continue' buttons.

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25 Bulk Entry Screen (Continued)

C Field Descriptions and Actions for Bulk Entry Disaster Information Screen

The following table provides field descriptions and actions for the Bulk Entry Disaster Information Screen.

Field/Button	Description/Action
Start Date	<p>User can manually enter the date or use one of the available calendar widgets to populate the date.</p> <p>Note: The “Today” calendar widget populates the current date. The widget is not available if the LAR is for a previous calendar year.</p>
End Date	<p>User can manually enter the date or use one of the available calendar widgets to populate the date.</p> <p>Note: The “Today” calendar widget populates the current date. The widget is not available if the LAR is for a previous calendar year.</p>
Affected Area(s) of County	<p>On the Bulk Disaster Entry Screen, the Affected Area of the County is defaulted to “All” and the checkboxes are disabled.</p>
Disaster Type(s)	<p>Click all check boxes that apply to the disaster event.</p> <p>See to paragraph 24 for descriptions of disaster types.</p> <p>Note: Users can only select disaster types from the same disaster category. If a disaster type is selected, types in other categories are disabled.</p>
Total Farms Affected by this Disaster	<p>This field is used to enter the number of farms affected by this disaster as determined by the CEB.</p> <p>This field value is set to “0” and is disabled on the Bulk Disaster Information Entry screen.</p>
Number of Farms with Physical Damage	<p>This field is used to enter the number of farms with physical damage as determined by the CEB.</p> <p>This field value is set to “0” and is disabled on the Bulk Disaster Information Entry screen.</p>
Comments on Disaster	<p>This field is used to record additional comments to further explain the data entered for the disaster event.</p>
Exit	<p>Exits the LAR and returns the user to the “Bulk Create LARs” selection screen. Information not previously saved is discarded.</p>
Save and Continue	<p>Advances to the “Bulk LAR Status” Screen.</p>

26-39 (Reserved)