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### Fact Sheet

## eLDPS's – Loan Deficiency Payments Online- According to the 2008 Farm Bill



### Background

The electronic Loan Deficiency Payment Service (eLDP) is a secure online Internet-based service allowing producers to request LDPs using the Internet and receive payment by direct deposit. LDP benefits are still available at the local FSA county office, however, eLDP services provide greater flexibility to producers who conduct business online and want to avoid travel time to and from the local FSA office.

### How eLDPS Work

All participating customers will have an eLDP Customer Profile set up through a software application that validates their farming and crop information.

Customers may use a personal computer to submit an LDP application. After the eLDP is approved by USDA, the payment is automatically routed by electronic funds transfer to the customer's bank account. The eLDP process is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Customer Profile

After crop acreage is reported to FSA county offices, they will create and maintain Customer Profiles. The Customer Profile will include:

- Customer and commodity eligibility;
- Customer payment limitation for eLDP;

- Customer's (producer's) reasonable production, by commodity.

Customer Profiles will be updated over time by the customer's FSA county office whenever existing Customer Profile entries change. Customers are responsible for contacting the county office when a change to the profile is necessary.

### Customer Eligibility

To be eligible for eLDP, customers must:

- Be in compliance with all annual eligibility requirements for marketing assistance loans and LDP's;
- Receive program payments by direct deposit;
- Have a valid e-mail address;
- Have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account;
- Produce and harvest an eligible loan commodity;
- All eLDP participants must complete form CCC-633EZ, page 1 to establish beneficial interest in a crop.
- Timely report all crop acreage

### Commodity Eligibility

Eligible loan commodities include: barley, crambe, corn, corn silage, dry peas, flaxseed, grain sorghum, honey, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, rapeseed, rice, safflower, small chickpeas, soybeans, sunflower oil, sunflower seeds, wheat, ungraded wool, mohair, and unshorn pelts. LDPs for loan commodities harvested as other

than grain, must be requested through the local county FSA office.

### Level 2 Access

The eAuthentication Level 2 access can be obtained by completing the online process for approval at:

<http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>.

### Payment Rate

The LDP rate will be the rate in effect when the request is submitted. *For example:* if the request is received at 5:00 a.m. MST and the LDP rate is announced at 7:00 a.m. MST, the previous day's rate will be used.

### For Additional Information

Additional information may be obtained at local FSA offices or through the Montana FSA Web site at [www.fsa.usda.gov/mt](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt). The telephone numbers are usually listed in the telephone directory under the United States Government, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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