



United States
Department of
Agriculture

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Farm and Foreign
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Service

Dear Step 2 Participant:

Farm Service
Agency

The purpose of this letter is to remind you of the upcoming termination of the Upland Cotton Domestic User Marketing Certificate Program (Step 2).

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Section 1103 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Pub. Law 109-171) repeals the authorizing language found in Section 136 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7236) in its entirety, and amends Section 1207 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7937) eliminating the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program. Pursuant to Section A-10 of your Upland Cotton Domestic User/Exporter Agreement, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will terminate the Agreement effective August 1, 2006.

IMPORTANT DATES:

July 31, 2006—CCC will make payments on any cotton that has been consumed as defined in Section B-3 of the Agreement, or exported as defined in Section C-3 of the Agreement, through 11:59 p.m. PDT on July 31.

August 31, 2006—All applications for payment submitted by **domestic users** must be received in the Kansas City Commodity Office by 4:00 p.m. CDT on August 31.

October 2, 2006—All applications for payment submitted by **exporters** must be received in the Kansas City Commodity Office by 4:00 p.m. CDT on October 2.

July 31, 2009—Domestic users and exporters shall keep records and furnish such information and reports as may be requested by CCC until July 31, 2009.

Please direct any questions you may have to Rick Mashek at (816) 823-1134 or via email at richard.mashek@kcc.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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