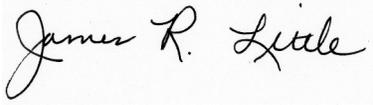


For: State and County Offices

**March 2001 Interest Rate Changes for
Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund (ACIF) Program**

Approved by: Acting Administrator



1 Announcing Interest Rate Changes

**A
Interest Rates
Reviewed
Monthly**

Interest rate changes in the following table are effective March 1, 2001. The "N/C" under the March Rate column indicates no change.

Loan Type	February Rate	March Rate
All Loan Types		
Treasury Judgement Rate (see note on page 2)	6.052%	N/C
ACIF Program Loans		
90-Day Treasury Bill	6.125 %	5.50 %
Farm Operating - Direct	5.75 %	5.50 %
Farm Ownership - Direct	6.00 %	N/C
Credit Sales: Farm Ownership - Direct	6.00 %	N/C
Soil and Water - Direct	6.00 %	N/C
Recreation - Individual - Direct	6.00 %	N/C
Association Loans - Regular:		
• Grazing	6.00 %	N/C
• Irrigation and Drainage	6.00 %	N/C
Farmer Program - Homestead Protection	6.00 %	N/C

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Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2001	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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Loan Type	February Rate	March Rate
ACIF Program Loans (Continued)		
Softwood Timber Loans	6.00 %	N/C
Economic Emergency - Operating	5.75 %	5.50 %
Economic Emergency - Real Estate	6.00 %	N/C
Emergency - Major Adjustment:		
• Subtitle A Purpose (Excess of Loss)	10.25 %	9.50 %
• Subtitle B Purpose (Excess of Loss)	10.00 %	9.50 %
Emergency - Annual Production	10.00 %	9.50 %
ACIF Nonprogram Loans - Credit Sales		
Farm Program - Chattel Property	10.00 %	9.50 %
Farm Program - Real Property	10.25 %	9.50 %
CCC Funded Loans		
Apple Loans	5.50 %	4.875 %
RHIF (Funded Direct Farm Ownership) Loans		
Housing Program 502 for low or moderate income	6.875 %	N/C

Note: The Treasury Judgement Rate is the interest rate applicable to deficiency judgements for all loan types pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1961 and is based on the equivalent coupon issue yield for the 52-week Treasury Bill. The 52-week Treasury Bill auction is currently held only 4 times each year. The next auction should be on or about February 28, 2001. The new rate will be published with the April interest rate notice. The web site for "Post Judgement Interest Rates" is www.uscourts.gov/postjud/postjud.html.

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**B
Other Interest
Rates**

These interest rates seldom change, but for convenience are published monthly.

Loan Type	Current Rate	Date Set
ACIF Program Loans		
Farm Operating - Direct, Limited Resource	5.00 %	12/01/90
Farm Ownership - Direct, Limited Resource	5.00 %	04/01/86
Farm Ownership - Direct, Joint Financing	5.00 %	03/24/97
Credit Sales: Farm Ownership - Direct, Limited Resource	5.00 %	04/01/86
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4.00 %	04/01/86
Soil and Water - Direct, Limited Resource	5.00 %	07/01/92
Indian Land Acquisition	5.00 %	02/01/91
Emergency - Amount of Actual Loss	3.75 %	01/25/94

**C
Notifying
Personnel**

SED's, Farm Loan Managers, and Farm Loan Chiefs shall notify all personnel of these rates upon receipt.
