

For: State Offices, CMA's, DMA's, and LSA's

2009 National CMA, DMA, and LSA Training

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The 2009 National CMA, DMA, and LSA training:

- will include the following topics:
 - updates about CMA, DMA, and LSA program policy
 - maintaining CMA and LSA status
 - updates about payment limitation policy
 - 2008 Farm Bill changes
 - updates to ACRS
 - the automated CMA eligibility process, including Kansas City processing
 - Modernize and Innovate the Delivery of Agricultural Systems (MIDAS) brainstorming session
- will be held:
 - in Washington D.C.
 - June 23 and 24, 2009.

Disposal Date	Distribution
August 1, 2009	State Offices; State Offices relay to CMA's, DMA's, and LSA's

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B Purpose

This notice provides CMA's, DMA's, and LSA's the following:

- scheduled dates and times of the training sessions
- information about hotel accommodations and transportation.

C Contact

For questions or situations **not** addressed in this notice, CMA's, DMA's, or LSA's shall contact Laura Schlote, PSD, by either of the following:

- e-mail at laura.schlote@wdc.usda.gov
- telephone at 202-720-7785.

2 Training Schedule

A Policy Training

Policy training for CMA's, DMA's, and LSA's will:

- begin on June 23, 2009, at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.
- be held in the USDA Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 108 A.

B MIDAS Session

DAFP has initiated a project to modernize farm program delivery systems. The goal is to provide better service to customers in today's Internet Age through using web-based technologies. Farm Programs (FP) has recently code-named its modernization project "MIDAS".

As part of the effort of FSA's need to modernize business and information technology systems, it is necessary to gain a better understanding of the current business processes and requirements for the delivery of program services at all levels within FSA. The business processes and services performed at the County Office level and by 3rd party entities, such as CMA's, DMA's, and LSA's, are vital to this effort.

The MIDAS Project Team will be providing a voluntary brainstorming session focused on MAL business processes that will help to identify operation issues and opportunities for process improvements.

The MIDAS session will:

- begin on June 24, 2009, at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.
- be held in the USDA Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 108 A.

3 Hotel and Travel Information

A Hotel Accommodations

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.

B Transportation

Participants will enter the USDA Jamie L. Whitten Building entrance located on Jefferson Drive S.W. The USDA Jamie L. Whitten Building is a short walk from the Smithsonian Metro stop (Mall Exit).

To be allowed entrance to the USDA Jamie L. Whitten Building, participants will need to:

- provide a photo ID
- be on the list of attendees provided to security.