

For: Cotton CMA's and LSA's

Revised Modifications to ACRS

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Notice CMA-118 proposed several modifications to ACRS about loan and loan redemption calculations, a test feature, lost beneficial interest date, and a daily error report. After discussions with system users, CCC has decided to proceed with 2 proposals and will **not** institute its original proposal that would have delayed release of loan bales for which CCC did **not** concur with the submitted transaction value.

B Purpose

This notice advises cotton CMA's and LSA's that the ACRS process will:

- continue to release bales for which loan redemption amounts submitted do **not** match CCC redemption calculations
- provide CCC calculation values used for requested transactions to be provided as a daily download
- provide a file test feature to validate against CCC calculations.

C Contact

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2 Software Modifications

A Decisions About ACRS Revisions

The following decisions have been made about ACRS.

Calculation	Current Process	Revised Process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan or LDP Disbursement • Loan Redemption • Trust • Ineligible • Unqualified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMA's/LSA's submit transactions including bales and loan or LDP value calculations. CCC remits the requested amounts based on the values calculated by the CMA/LSA. • During its nightly process, CCC calculates its own version of the loan or LDP values. If there are differences, the transaction goes into an error file that is made available to CMA/LSA. • During period of unresolved value differences, CCC does not update the CORE accounting process or price support records. 	No changes will be made to the current process.
Test feature to validate CCC calculations.	Not available.	See subparagraph B for an explanation of the new file test feature.
LBI date to COTYTRAN.	Not available.	No changes will be made to the current process.
Daily Error Report	ACRS provides a 1-time daily error report.	No changes will be made to the current process.

B New File Test Feature

The test feature allows CMA's/LSA's to transmit transactions to ACRS, which will perform upfront and calculation edits. The calculated amounts will then be returned to the CMA/LSA. The transactions will process against production bales to use AMS classing; however, the bales **must** have had a previous price support activity.

Through using this feature, CMA/LSA will be able to send previously transmitted, advance, redemption, and LDP transactions to test the ACRS calculation module. Because this test activity is not recorded, no CCC-719 authorization reports will be generated or production bales updated.

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B New File Test Feature (Continued)

The test dataset transmitted to NITC will be “MFO900.CMSPPDT.AC.CMAAnnnnn.IZBLTEST(+1)”. This is the same format used today for true production transmissions. CMA’s/LSA’s will send their calculated amounts, as they do currently, in this dataset.

There are 2 output datasets generated by ACRS.

- MFO900.CMSPPDT.AC.CMAAnnnnn.OZBADTST(0) - Same as the OZFAILED dataset the coops currently receive to identify errors in the up-front process. This is a 129-character dataset.
- MFO900.CMSPPDT.AC.CMAAnnnnn.OZVALTST(0) - Contains all of the input transactions. These transactions are in the COTYTRAN (4 digit years) format and include all of our calculated amounts. This is a 450-character record. This record also includes a new field (G-DTL-CALC-ERRORS in column 249) that will be set to a value of “Y” if 1 or more of the calculated amounts do not match what was sent on the input transaction.

Contact Shannon Fulghem by telephone at 816-926-1533, or Jan DeLancey by telephone at 816-926-2638, when user is ready to send in their first test file so they can monitor the processing of these datasets.

C Daily Download of Values Used by CCC

A file available as a daily download is being created that will provide all rates and values currently in use by CCC for loan and LDP transactions. System users will be informed of this file format and availability at a later date.