

For: CMA's, LSA's, and State and County Offices Except AK, HI, and PR

Corrections to the CMA Process Output File

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

For making loans and LDP's, the 1996 Farm Bill:

- does **not** require that eligible commodities be produced on contract acres
- requires that a farm be covered by a Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) for contract commodity eligibility.

A previous CMA notice advised CMA's, LSA's, and State and County Offices:

- that inaccuracies were being experienced in output file field 54, "No Approved Contract for Farm"
- to ignore a "Y" in field 54 until further notice.

This long standing problem has now been corrected.

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Purpose

This notice advises CMA's, LSA's, and State and County Offices that:

- the mainframe-based CMA Process has been updated to correctly reflect eligibility provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill
- field 54 of the CMA Process output file is now reporting accurate data
- research has been conducted on problems in other areas of the CMA Process.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>December 1, 1999</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices, and FAX to CMA's, and LSA's</p>
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2 CMA Process Output File Updates

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Field 54, No Approved Contract

Programs that report farm PFC data have been updated to accurately report whether or not the farm is covered by PFC.

CMA's and LSA's shall:

- review current output file records to verify the existence of PFC on a farm
 - process contract commodity loans and LDP's for **only** producers with production originating from a farm with PFC.
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Field (55), No Reported/Determined Acreage

CMA's and LSA's shall process loans and LDP's for **only** production originating from a farm with a "N" in field (55).

The high frequency of "Y" flags occurring in the output file field (55), "No Reported/Determined Acreage," raised concern with CMA's, LSA's, and FSA.

Research into field (55) reported data has revealed that:

- the CMA Process is accurately reporting FSA-578 data
 - records with a "Y" consist of farms without:
 - reported or determined acreage for the submitted crop code
 - a valid FSA-578.
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2 CMA Process Output File Updates (Continued)

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Field (67)

Offset for Claims

The CMA Process reports a “Y” in field (67) for producers with a “Y” in the Name and Address (NAM) file “Claims” field.

State and County Offices have expressed concern that field (67) has **not** been accurately reporting all CMA and LSA producers that have claims.

Extensive research has been conducted comparing mainframe NAM records with CMA Process records, and no discrepancies between these could be found.

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Contact

Report discrepancies between NAM records and CMA Process records to Mike Mandere at 202-720-4970 or, e-mail Mike_Mandere@wdc.fsa.usda.gov, with specific examples and producer ID numbers.
