

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

CMA and LSA Internet Usage Survey

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Completing Internet Usage Survey

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Background

Currently, CMA's and LSA's request producer eligibility and PLM data by submitting producer ID numbers to the CMA Process through FSA-BBS in the form of zipped files.

The CMA Process:

- interacts with mainframe Name and Address and Subsidiary File processes to create multicounty and PLM records for CMA and LSA producers
- obtains eligibility data from files uploaded to the mainframe from County Offices
- maintains producer eligibility and PLM data on the FSA mainframe
- generates reports for CMA's and LSA's that are sent through FSA-BBS as zipped files.

PSD is now in the process of establishing the specifications for an Internet-based CMA Process.

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<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>October 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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Purpose

This notice provides a survey for input from CMA's and LSA's to assist PSD in the development of an Internet-based CMA Process.

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CMA/LSA Action

CMA's and LSA's shall complete the survey in Exhibit 1 and FAX to: **PSD, Attention Mike Mandere, at 202-690-3307 by COB Friday July 30, 1999.** Survey comments may also be emailed to: Mike_Mandere@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

Note: The results of this survey are confidential and will only be used internally by PSD to establish priorities for the development of an Internet-based CMA Process.

CMA and LSA Internet Usage Survey

CMA/LSA Name: _____

No.	Survey YES/NO Questions	YES	NO
1	Does your CMA/LSA currently have access to the Internet?		
2	Would you support an initiative to move the CMA Process to the Internet?		
3	Has your CMA/LSA ever accessed or used the FSA web site at http://www.fsa.usda.gov ?		
4	Has your CMA/LSA ever accessed or used the PSD web site at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd ?		
5	Has your CMA/LSA accessed or used the online version of 1-CMA at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/proginfo.htm ?		
6	Does your CMA/LSA use the PSD developed CMA for Windows software to create Input File records?		
7	Currently, the CMA Process Output File producer record consists of a 248 byte ASCII text record. Would your data processing department have difficulty if this data was provided in a different format?		
8	What type of Internet browser software does your CMA/LSA use? (Example: Microsoft Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator)		
9	What concerns, if any, do you have about using the Internet for the CMA Process?		
10	Please provide your email address .		
11	Please provide any additional comments you feel may be helpful.		

CMA's and LSA's shall FAX this survey to: **USDA/FSA/PSD/URB, Attention: Mike Mandere, at 202-690-3307.**