

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

Using AMS Classing Records for All CMA/LSA Loan and LDP Transactions Processed in the Automated Cotton Reporting System (ACRS)

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1 Overview

A Background

Notice CN-972, issued July 20, 2004, informed State and County Offices, CMA's, and LSA's that beginning July 1, 2004, CCC would begin obtaining AMS classing data directly from the AMS regional offices on an hourly basis. This data is stored in the Cotton Online Processing System (COPS).

As directed by this notice, CMA's and LSA's continued to submit classing in their ACRS transaction files for crop year 2004. However, classing was compared to the classing data that was received from AMS and stored in COPS. This comparison was used to determine the following:

- if COPS received classing data in a timely manner
- number of times that classing submitted in an ACRS transaction did not match the classing received from AMS.

FSA is confident that classing is successfully being received and updated to COPS in a timely and accurate manner.

B Purpose

This notice provides CMA's and LSA's with information about processing loan and LDP transactions using AMS classing data from COPS beginning with crop year 2005.

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2 Using AMS Classing Data Stored in COPS

A ACRS Modifications

ACRS will be modified to use AMS classing data stored in COPS as follows for crop year 2005.

- ACRS will access bale classing data directly from COPS. The most current classing on file at the time of a loan request will be used.
- If the classing data is not available when the ACRS transaction is transmitted, then the transaction will be rejected with an appropriate rejection code.
- If classing is not received on a bale that is included in an ACRS transaction, the classing will be requested directly from AMS at the end of the day. Classing should be available the next workday.
- Loan advance calculation errors because of classing differences between COPS and the CMA/LSA will be revealed by Adjusted Loan Rate [40] and Loan Principal [41] errors.
- Re-classing data will not be accepted by COPS once the bale has been placed under loan or LDP.
- Classing used for the original loan or LDP transaction will be used for all subsequent transactions. This includes a second loan request following a "T" transaction.

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B CMA/LSA Action

Beginning with crop year 2005, CMA's and LSA's will no longer be required to submit classing data with their loan or LDP ACRS transactions. Classing data fields [22] through [28] and [95] can be filled with actual classing data or zeros. If submitted, classing field will be overlaid with AMS classing from COPS.

When calculation errors because of classing differences occur, on the loan advance record:

- the classing factors used by ACRS can be viewed on the COPS Bale Information/Classing Screen
- advance correction (XA) modifying the Adjusted Loan Rate [40] and Loan Principal [41] fields must be submitted.