

For: Cotton State and County Offices

1999 Crop Cotton APSS Modifications Included in County Release No. 408

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A

Background

County Release No. 408 includes APSS modifications to:

- update the National Average Loan Rate (NALR) for 1999 crop upland and ELS cotton
- provide the 1999 crop schedule of premiums and discounts for upland and ELS cotton.

B

Purpose

This notice ensures that offices are informed of revised loan rates, premiums, and discounts for the 1999 crop year.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>February 1, 2000</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>Cotton State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices</p>
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2 Software Modifications and Enhancements

**A
NALR for 1999
Crop Upland
Cotton**

NALR is established for the base quality of upland cotton. The following table contains the base quality value for 1999.

Base Quality Value	
Color Grade	41
Leaf Grade	4
Staple Length	1 - 1/16 inches
Micronaire	35-36 and 43-49
Strength	24 - 25 grams per tex

The 1999 NALR for upland cotton is 51.92 cents per pound, the same as for the 1998 crop.

Upland cotton repayments and LDP software have been modified to incorporate the 1999 NALR.

**B
NALR for 1999
Crop ELS
Cotton**

The 1999 NALR for ELS cotton is 79.65 cents per pound, the same as for the 1998 crop.

ELS cotton repayments software has been modified to incorporate the 1999 NALR.

**C
Revised Schedule
of Premiums and
Discounts for
Upland and ELS
Cotton**

The APSS software has been revised to include the following:

- 1999 crop schedule of premiums and discounts for upland cotton
 - schedule of micronaire discounts for 1999 crop ELS cotton.
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