

**For:** State and County Offices

**Updated Version of the PC Cotton Software  
Contained in the Windows XP Migration Release**

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**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Common Computing Environment (CCE) PC's are currently being converted from Windows NT to Windows XP (XP). As part of the conversion, an updated version of the PC Cotton software will be installed.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices with information about:

- installing the PC Cotton software during the migration
- software modifications contained in the migration release.

**C Contact**

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## 2 PC Cotton Software Installation, Modifications, and Changes

### A Migration Installation

The XP migration release contains a complete installation of all PC Cotton software and is a complete copy of the entire Cotton Warehouse Receipt Process system. All programs have been recompiled for this release.

The software contained in this release is to be installed on CCE Windows XP computers as part of the conversion from Windows NT to Windows XP. This software **shall not** be installed on the existing Windows NT systems.

### B Modifications and Changes

In addition to a complete installation of the PC Cotton software, this release also contains modifications to the software that will:

- display the current version number on all PWCnnnnn screens

**Note:** The updated software version will be 3.50.

- allow users to select items from listview screens using the keyboard instead of the mouse.

**Note:** From a listview screen, a user may select:

- a single item by using the arrow keys to highlight the desired item, and then pressing the space bar
- multiple items by using **1** of the following methods:
  - pressing the space bar to select each item while the item is highlighted
  - holding the shift key down and simultaneously press/hold the up or down arrow keys to select/unselect multiple items
- allow users to sort data displayed on listview screens in ascending or descending order.

**Note:** Currently, when the column heading is clicked once, the data on the screen is sorted in **ascending** order based upon the column heading that was clicked. With the modified software, if the column heading is clicked again, the data will be sorted in **descending** order. This feature has been added to improve consistency between the PC Cotton application and other standard windows applications.

## 2 PC Cotton Software Installation, Modifications, and Changes (Continued)

### B Modifications and Changes (Continued)

- terminate the file transfer process and display Menu 110 in the event the user cancels a request to transfer loan/LDP files to APSS by clicking on the “X” in the upper right corner of the window

**Note:** Before this change, the user would see the window close, but the message, “CS3.EXE has already been started”, would be displayed if they attempted to go back into the PC Cotton software

- allow a user to select receipts to be released from a file by entering the receipt numbers on Screen PWC54000.

**Note:** Selected receipt numbers will be updated in the listview screen just as if they had been selected using a mouse. Receipt counts and net weight totals will also be updated.