

For: Cotton State and County Offices

**Modifications to the Electronic Warehouse Receipt (EWR) Cotton PC Software
for the 2003 Crop Year Contained in PC Release No. 23**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Cotton PC Software must be modified periodically to:

- incorporate current year cotton policy
- correct existing problems
- provide enhancements to the software.

PC Release No. 23, which was released to the field on October 6, 2003, provides modifications for the 2003 crop year.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices with information about modifications to the Cotton PC Software for the 2003 crop year as provided in PC Release No. 23.

C Contact

State Offices shall direct questions about this notice to Julie Floriani by:

- telephone at 202-720-8374
- e-mail to **julie_floriani@wdc.usda.gov**.

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2 Cotton PC Software Modifications

A Premiums and Discounts

Cotton PC software has been modified to update premiums and discounts for the 2003 crop year.

Notice CN-958 informed County Offices that Bale Recaps could be reprinted to reflect 2003 premiums and discounts once the software was updated. Bale data files completed before the installation of PC Release No. 23 can now be reprinted to reflect the updated premiums and discounts.

B Rejecting Ineligible Grades and Remarks for Cotton

According to 7-CN, Exhibit 12, cotton is ineligible for Price Support benefits if it is:

- color grade/special condition of 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, or 98
- repacked
- reginned
- Pima ginned on a saw gin.

County Release No. 515 modified APSS to reject cotton with these ineligible grades and remarks.

Cotton PC software has been modified to perform a validation that will reject these ineligible grades and remarks for upland and ELS cotton.

C Backup of Bale Data File to Server

Cotton PC software has been enhanced to automatically place a backup copy of a completed cotton bale data file on the CCE server in the F:\Application Data\CottonPC\EXT directory. This will provide an additional backup of completed bale data files.

County Offices shall continue to backup each completed cotton bale data file to:

- a backup diskette when the bale data file is completed
- the server on a weekly basis during the loan/LDP making season using Option 7, "Backup Cotton Files To Server", from Menu 000 of the cotton PC software.

3 Future Software Modification

A New PC Equipment

PSD is aware that some PC's are being replaced in the field which include CD drives but do not have diskette drives. The cotton PC software cannot read from a CD and will require modification to do so.

B Using Diskettes or E-mail

Until the software is modified, County Offices shall either:

- install cotton PC software on another machine that has a diskette drive if the PC currently running the software has been replaced
- accept bale data files via e-mail according to 7-CN, paragraph 331, if using a PC that does not have a diskette drive.