

For: Cotton State and County Offices

**Modifications to Automated Price Support System (APSS) That Will
Generate Automated Checks When Re-Entering Corrected Cotton Loans and LDP's**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

1-CM, paragraph 813 prohibits County Offices from issuing typewritten checks without authorization from the Deputy Administrator.

Notice CN-950 informed State and County Offices of the following:

- certain conditions for cotton marketing assistance loans and LDP's necessitated the issuance of typewritten checks
- exceptions for which typewritten payments could be issued
- authority to issue typewritten checks without prior approval in certain instances until APSS software was modified.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of APSS modifications that generate automated checks when recording a re-entry of a corrected cotton warehouse-stored loan or LDP.

Note: Notice PS-489 has been issued for all other price support commodities.

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C Contact

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2 APSS Modifications

A Generating Automated Checks

APSS software has been modified to generate an automated check when recording a re-entry of a corrected loan or LDP as a manual transaction. Modified software was released in:

- County Release No. 524 on November 11, 2003, for loans
- County Release No. 527 on December 22, 2003, for LDP's.

When entering a loan or LDP as a **manual** transaction, APSS will display the question, "Is this the re-entry of a corrected loan/LDP". When the user answer is:

- "Y", APSS will generate an automated check
- "N", APSS will:
 - **not** issue an automated check
 - require the user to enter the number of the typewritten check.

B Manual Procedure

When APSS is inoperable, County Offices shall continue to:

- request authorization to issue a typewritten check for a manually disbursed loan or LDP from their State Price Support Specialist
- follow instructions in 7-CN:
 - paragraph 192 to record a manually disbursed **loan**
 - paragraph 277 to record a manually disbursed **LDP**.