

For: Cotton State and County Offices

**Modified Electronic Loan Deficiency Payments (eLDP's) Software
to Process Gin-Direct Cotton**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

County Offices have not been able to process gin-direct LDP's using eLDP system because a ginning date and request date are required. The ginning date determines the applicable adjusted world price (AWP).

The cotton eLDP system has been modified to process eLDP's for cotton that are either gin-direct or warehouse-stored.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices:

- information about modifications to the cotton eLDP process released February 11, 2005, includes a gin-direct option
- instructions for processing a gin-direct eLDP.

C Contact

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

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2 eLDP System Modifications

A Additional eLDP Options

Cotton eLDP system has been modified to provide the following options:

- warehouse-stored cotton, using a “date documents received” date to determine AWP and prompt payment interest
- gin-direct cotton, using the following dates:
 - date-documents-received to determine prompt payment interest
 - ginning date to determine applicable AWP.

3 Processing Gin-Direct eLDP’s

A Creating Bale Data File

County Offices shall prepare and process a bale data file in the cotton PC software for gin-direct cotton eLDP’s as follows:

- create a file using manual data entry according to 7-CN, subparagraph 332
- download classing according to 7-CN, subparagraph 341
- complete downloaded file according to 7-CN, subparagraph 342.

Note: File will be saved in the EXT folder in the cotton PC software. The file name will be the file sequence number followed by a “.dat” extension.

Example: ABS50001.dat

B Completing Gin-Direct eLDP’s

Gin-direct eLDP’s shall be processed in the same manner as regular eLDP’s, except:

- select “Gin Direct” from the eLDP Application Process Screen
- enter the applicable date the producer submitted production evidence as the “date documents received”

Note: Prompt payment interest will be calculated using the “date documents received.”

3 Processing Gin-Direct eLDP (Continued)

B Completing Gin-Direct eLDP (Continued)

- enter the applicable ginning date; AWP will be determined using the ginning date.

Important: All bales in a file must have a ginning date within the same weekly AWP rate period. If there are multiple ginning dates within the weekly AWP period, enter the latest date as the “Ginning Date”.

To locate the bale data file, “Browse” to the EXT folder by the selecting the following path: C:→ Program Files→ USDA→ Cotton PC→ EXT folder and select the applicable file sequence number.

C Modified Application Screen

The following is an example of the modified Cotton Application Process screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Cotton Application' screen in the eLDP system. The browser window is titled 'Welcome to eLDP - Microsoft Internet Explorer' and the address bar shows 'http://localhost:9080/eLDP/action/bale-data-import'. The page header includes 'Farm Service Agency Online' and 'eLDP Application Process Add Cotton Application'. The page contains a navigation menu on the left, a main form area with fields for 'Warehouse Stored', 'Gin Direct', 'Date Documents Received', 'Ginning Date', and 'Bale Data File', and a table for 'Producer Name', 'Share Percent', and 'Contact Producer'. The table lists 'TAYLOR & TAYLOR PTN', 'CRAIG E SMITH', and 'LINDA MANGERS'. At the bottom of the form are 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons.