

For: Cotton State and County Offices

**Information About Using Bale Data File Formats for Cotton
Loans and LDP's and Description of Cotton eLDP Options**

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1 Overview

A Background

Currently, the eLDP system provides:

- County Office users options to process warehouse-stored, gin direct, and module lock-in eLDP's
- external customers access to enter warehouse-stored eLDP's.

A forthcoming 7-CN amendment will update instructions for processing eLDP's.

Additionally, bale data files must be used to process:

- eLDP's
- all loans or LDP's using APSS.

Note: Data cannot be manually entered in APSS without the use of a State Office issued password.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices additional information on:

- bale data file formats
- description of cotton eLDP options.

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2 Using Bale Data Files for Loans and LDP's Using APSS or the eLDP Process

A Bale Data File Formats

Bale data files are required to process all 2005 loans and LDP's using APSS or the eLDP process. 7-CN, Exhibit 13 provides the "Extended" and "Abbreviated" formats for preparing bale data files.

The following table is a quick reference of which format to use for loans and LDP's/eLDP's.

Format	Loan	LDP/eLDP
Extended	X	X
Abbreviated	X	

Because 7-CN, Amendment 24 revised these formats, County Offices shall ensure that persons who provide bale data files are aware of these revisions so that files are formatted properly.

B Requesting Bales from COPS Using Bale Data Files

If an LDP application is processed in:

- APSS, then the bales must be downloaded in the cotton PC software and transferred to the System 36
- eLDP system, then the bale is automatically imported from COPS into the eLDP application process.

3 eLDP Options

A General Information

Cotton eLDP system provides the following options for LDP applications:

- warehouse-stored
- gin direct
- module lock-in.

Each option displays specific dates that are used to determine the applicable AWP rate and prompt payment interest.

B Warehouse-Stored eLDP's

The warehouse-stored eLDP option shall be used to process the following LDP types as documented:

- irrevocable post-ginning
- loss of beneficial interest.

The warehouse-stored option uses:

- date documents received to determine the applicable AWP and prompt payment interest
- warehouse code to determine the applicable county loan rate.

The warehouse-stored option:

- is the **only** option available to external customers
- will use the current date to determine the applicable AWP rate.

3 eLDP Options (Continued)

C Gin Direct eLDP's

The gin direct eLDP option shall be used to process gin direct LDP applications. This option will use:

- ginning date to determine the applicable AWP rate

Note: If there are multiple ginning dates within the weekly AWP period, enter the latest date as the “Ginning Date”.

- date documents received to determine prompt payment interest.

The gin direct option:

- is **not** available to external customers
- must be processed in the County Office.

D Module Lock-In eLDP's

The module lock-in eLDP option shall be used to process module lock-in LDP applications. This option will use:

- lock-in date to determine the applicable AWP rate
- date documents received to determine prompt payment interest.

The module lock-in option:

- is **not** available to external customers
- must be processed in the County Office.

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E Example of Application Process Screen

The following is an example of the eLDP options available on the Application Process Screen.

