

For: Cotton State and County Offices, CMA’s, LSA’s, and Loan Clerks

**Modifications to Cotton Online Processing System (COPS) to Designate
Electronic Warehouse Receipt (EWR) as “Cooperative” or “County” Bale**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

EWR’s submitted to COPS contain an indicator that designates the bale as a “cooperative” or “county” bale. Currently, COPS allows:

- County Offices to request either a “cooperative” or “county” bale
- CMA’s and LSA’s to only request “cooperative” bales.

COPS has been modified to support the processing of cotton, which is committed to CMA under the terms of a CMA marketing agreement.

B Purpose

This notice informs cotton State and County Offices, CMA’s, LSA’s, and loan clerks of:

- modifications to COPS that will prevent:
 - County Offices from requesting a “cooperative” bale
 - CMA’s and LSA’s from requesting a “county” bale
- instructions for processing EWR’s that contain a “cooperative/county” indicator.

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 COPS Modifications

A Background

Notice CMA-93 provided that:

- producers must avoid requesting benefits for quantities that are covered by a CMA marketing agreement
- if duplicate benefits occur and the quantity can be tied to a marketing agreement or annual addendum, the correct benefit is determined by the earlier date of the following:
 - applicable marketing agreement or annual addendum identifying the quantity
 - County Office or LSA disbursed benefits.

B Validating EWR Requests

“Cooperative/county” indicators are maintained and submitted by EWR providers to COPS.

COPS has been modified to validate requests for EWR’s to only allow:

- CMA’s and LSA’s to request EWR’s with a “cooperative” indicator
- County Offices to request EWR’s with a “county” indicator.

The following messages will be generated when the “cooperative/county” indicator does not match the requestor of the EWR:

- ACRS error BJ08, “EWR was not uploaded as a Co-op receipt”
- County Office error “990-Receipt not on File”.

Note: Error “990” will be used for County Offices until a new, more descriptive error is created.

COPS bale history will be noted when EWR does not pass the validation.

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3 Availability of Bales That Have No Indicator

A Bales Without EWR's

“Cooperative/county” indicator is only available on bales that are represented by EWR.

LDP can be processed on a bale based on classing record alone. If no EWR is submitted to COPS that identifies the bale as “cooperative” or “county”, the bale can be requested by either party.

To prevent County Offices from downloading a “cooperative” bale for LDP, CMA's and LSA's should submit EWR for LDP to COPS promptly.

4 EWR's That Have an Incorrect Indicator

A Determining Correct Indicator

If EWR is available to and downloaded by the incorrect party, CMA, LSA, or the County Office shall request assistance from the State Price Support Specialist to determine:

- whether the quantity can be tied to a marketing agreement or addendum
- duplicate request for benefits.

Requests for additional assistance with CMA marketing agreements may be sent to Chris Kyer by:

- telephone at 202-720-7935
- e-mail to **Chris.Kyer@wdc.usda.gov**.

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4 EWR's That Have an Incorrect Indicator (Continued)

B Correcting Indicator

“Cooperative/county” indicator can only be corrected if EWR is re-submitted by the provider with the correct indicator. If EWR has been submitted with an incorrect indicator of:

- “county” and the bale should be made available to CMA or LSA, the County Office shall:
 - correct loan or LDP if a benefit has been disbursed
 - release EWR to the previous holder with a **Release Code “1”** for correction if the bale was downloaded in the cotton PC software

Note: Bales do not have to be released if an eLDP is deleted.

- “cooperative” and the bale should be made available to a County Office, CMA’s and LSA’s shall submit:
 - “T” transaction if the bale is currently under loan or LDP
 - “U” transaction if the bale has been redeemed.

After these actions are completed, EWR can be re-submitted with the correct indicator.