

**For:** State and County Offices

**Poult Enteritis Mortality Syndrome (PEMS) Program**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

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**Background**

Since March 2000, several turkey contract growers were forced to depopulate their turkey houses for several weeks because of an outbreak of PEMS. PEMS is an intestinal infection that causes dehydration and high mortality in young turkeys. To end the disease, growers must depopulate their turkey houses and leave them empty for 2 or more growing cycles of about 10 weeks each.

Pub. L. 106-554 provides \$1,995,600 million to carry out a program for income losses as a result of PEMS sustained before April 30, 2001, by individuals who raise poultry owned by other individuals. This amount was reduced from \$2 million because of FY 2001 rescissions.

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**Purpose**

This notice provides State and County Offices with procedures for administering the PEMS Program.

<p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>August 1, 2001</p>	<p><b>Distribution</b></p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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### 2 General Information

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##### Eligible Losses

Eligible losses are those poultts that could not be raised by the contract grower because of the depopulation of turkey houses between March 1, 2000, and April 30, 2001, because of PEMS. Corona virus or any other disease resulting in depopulation of turkey houses is **NOT** eligible.

**Note:** Applications from the turkey owner on behalf of the contract grower are **not** acceptable.

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##### Signup Dates

Signup begins immediately and will continue through May 31, 2001. Because of the limited number of affected contract growers, this should be sufficient time to process all applicants. Contract growers shall apply for benefits at the USDA Service Center that serves the county in which the depopulated turkey houses are located.

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##### Upload and Payments

Upload is scheduled for June 7, 2001. Payments are expected to be issued June 15, 2001.

**Note:** Any applications not included in the upload will require PECD approval before payments can be issued.

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##### Payment Limitation and Gross Revenue

A payment limitation of \$40,000 applies to each "person" for benefits received under the PEMS Program. Any "person" with a qualifying gross revenue in excess of \$2.5 million for the 2000 tax year is not eligible to receive benefits under the PEMS Program. See 1-DAP, paragraph 402.

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##### Conservation Compliance

County Offices shall require the contract growers to file AD-1026 according to 6-CP if not currently on file.

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##### Payment Rate

The payment rate for poultts is \$.20 per bird with a normal mortality rate of 10 percent. This is the only payment rate that is available under this program.

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**Payment Factor** Because a specific appropriation is available, a factor must be determined before payments can be issued. The factor will be announced after the end of signup.

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#### H

**Software Access** The following Missouri counties will have immediate access to the PEMS software:

- Jasper
- Newton
- Barry
- McDonald
- Barton.

Any other counties with eligible producers may have access to the software with a code provided by PECD. Request this code through the State Office. The State Office shall then contact Sharon Biastock by FAX with the request, including the State and county code. The FAX number is 202-720-4941.

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### 3 Application for Benefits

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**Documentation** Contract growers who are applying for benefits must provide the following documentation:

- evidence of the contract with the owner

**Note:** Other than the information listed below, specific terms of the contract are not necessary.

- number of birds that were destroyed and the number of birds that would have been raised if there had been no need to depopulate the turkey houses during the period of March 1, 2000, through April 30, 2001

**Note:** This information should be available from the turkey owner.

- proof from a veterinarian or qualified technician that PEMS was the reason for the depopulation.
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### 3 Application for Benefits (Continued)

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##### Third Party Verifications

Third party verifications shall **not** be accepted. Contract growers must provide the necessary documentation in subparagraph A.

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##### Certification of Losses

CCC-661B shall be used for PEMS Program. Although several categories are listed, only the category for poultts shall be used. Worksheet CCC-661W can be used to make manual calculations. See 1-DAP, paragraph 306 for an example of the manual worksheet. Use this table to access CCC-661B.

Step	Action
1	On Risk Management and Disaster Payments Menu MH0000, select Option 4.
2	On LIP Crop Year Selection Menu MHDOYR, select Option 3.
3	On LIP Selection Menu MHD0PH, select Option 1. (2001 PEMS).

**Note:** Non-authorized counties must enter their authorization code on Screen MHAILX02 to access the PEMS application menus.

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##### Completing CCC-661B

County Offices shall complete CCC-661B according to 1-DAP, paragraph 404, as applicable.

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### 4 Spot Checks and Compliance

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##### Spot Checks

Spot checks shall be performed to verify the contract grower's losses. DD shall review a minimum of 5 applications or 25 percent, whichever is greater, to ensure that the documentation provided by the contract grower is acceptable. Field visits shall be done on the larger of 2 applications or 10 percent to ensure that the facilities meet the needs for the number of poultts that were not raised in a growing cycle.

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##### Discrepancies

Notify the contract grower that the application is unacceptable if it is determined that the:

- documentation does not meet requirements
- facilities could not support the number of poultts that could be raised.

**Note:** Include appeal rights according to 1-APP.

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