

**For:** State and County Offices

**Issuing Final Quality Loss Program for Apples and Potatoes (QLP-AP) Payments**

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



**1 Overview**

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**Background**

Pub. L. 106-387, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, authorized the implementation of a special \$38 million quality loss program for apples and potatoes. The Act authorizes the Secretary to issue payments to eligible producers of 1999 and 2000 crop year apple and potato crops with quality losses.

Pub. L. 106-544 reduced the \$38 million appropriation by .22% to \$37,916,400.

Notice DAP-128 advised State and County Offices that a national payment factor for QLP-AP would be determined after application processing options for the following programs were disabled on March 1, 2002:

- 1999 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) and QLP-AP
- 2000 CDP, QLP, and QLP-AP.

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<b>Disposal Date</b>  October 1, 2002	<b>Distribution</b>  State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices
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##### Purpose

This notice:

- announces the final payment factor for QLP-AP payments
  - advises that the final payment factor will be available to County Offices on March 22, 2002
  - provides instructions for County Offices to issue final payments to eligible producers on approved applications.
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### 2 General Information

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##### National Final Payment Factor

The national final payment factor for 1999 and 2000 QLP-AP payments is 27.77 percent.

On March 21, 2002, KC-ITSDO will transmit the national final payment factor to County Offices.

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##### 1999 and 2000 CDP and QLP

Several inquiries have been received questioning whether application processing options for 1999 CDP and 2000 CDP and QLP will be re-enabled. Since QLP-AP payment amounts can be affected by changes to CDP application data, options to allow users to add or modify existing CDP and QLP data cannot be re-enabled until all QLP-AP payments are issued. Once these payments are issued:

- the 1999 and 2000 QLP-AP payment processing options will be disabled
  - CDP, QLP, and QLP-AP application processing options will be re-enabled.
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### 3 County Office Action

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#### National Payment Factor

County Offices shall ensure that the transmission has been successfully received by following the instructions in a forthcoming Information Bulletin.

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#### B

#### Processing Payments

The QLP-AP payment software was included in County Release No. 473. Other than ensuring that the national final payment factor has been received, software modifications are not required to issue final payments.

County Offices shall:

- **immediately** begin issuing payments to all producers on approved applications
- issue all QLP-AP payments by COB April 5, 2002.

**Note:** Software will be included in a forthcoming county release to permanently disable QLP-AP payment processing.

**Reminder:** The QLP-AP reconciliation report identifies producers that may not be paid for a variety of reasons. County Offices shall run the reconciliation report as often as necessary to ensure that potential error conditions are rectified as soon as possible so that payments are timely processed to eligible producers.

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