

**For:** State and County Offices

**Preparing to Issue Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) Payments**

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



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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

LAP signup ended November 21, 2003. County Offices are finishing the LAP application data load into the System 36.

The LAP Payment Reduction Exception Report, addressed in Notice DAP-186, and the LAP Payment Reduction Mismatch Report, addressed in Notice DAP-182, are being used by County Offices to ensure that LAP application data being loaded into the System 36 is correct.

Because \$250 million was appropriated for LAP, a factor will be used to determine the final payment amounts to approved LAP applicants.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides that:

- 4-DAP, Amendment 3 will provide LAP payment procedure
- specific actions must be taken to prepare to issue LAP payments.

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<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
April 1, 2004	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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## Notice DAP-190

### 2 Completing Data Load

#### A Reports

The Payment Reduction Exception Report and the Payment Reduction Mismatch Report will continue to be distributed, to each applicable State Office, with a copy of each report for each applicable county within the State. A report was distributed December 5, 2003, and the next report is scheduled to be distributed December 10, 2003.

The December 5 report contains LAP application data loaded into the System 36 as of November 28, 2003. The December 10 report will contain LAP application data loaded into the System 36 as of December 5, 2003.

One additional report will be distributed before funds are allocated to County Offices to issue payments. This report will be distributed on December 17, 2003, and will reflect data loaded into the System 36 as of December 12, 2003.

County Offices shall closely follow the instructions provided in Notices DAP-182 and DAP-186 to ensure that the LAP payment amounts are correct and accurately reflect payments received for the Cattle Feed Program, LCP-I, and LCP-II.

A national factor cannot be determined until records are reconciled and eligible applications are approved.

#### B Funds Control

The payments will be controlled by the e-funds process. LAP payments cannot be issued in a county until funds are allocated to that County Office.

The initial funds will be allocated:

- to only those County Offices that have completed the review and made required corrections according to subparagraph A
- based on the data for approved applications as of December 12, 2003.

#### C County Office Action

County Offices shall make every effort to ensure that records are accurate and approved, if applicable, before **December 12, 2003**. Those County Offices that do not have funds allocated according to subparagraph B will be delayed in making payments to producers.