

For: State and County Offices

Approving Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) Applications

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1 Overview

A Background

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 is correctly loaded into the System 36.

After the Cattle Feed Program and Livestock Compensation Program payment reconciliation data is correctly entered, the LAP Payment Reduction Exception Report and the LAP Payment Reduction Mismatch Report may still list certain producers even though their information has been correctly entered on the LAP application.

Notice DAP-190 provided that funds would not be allocated to a county that has producers remaining on the Payment Reduction Exception Report. County Offices were also instructed to not approve applications for producers listed on the report.

B Purpose

This notice provides that:

- specific actions must be taken to prepare to issue LAP payments
- funds will be allocated based on estimated payments
- County Offices may enter approval dates upon determination that the applications and related reductions are correct.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2004	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

Notice DAP-192

2 Approving Applications

A County Office Action

County Offices shall as soon as possible approve applications that meet the following criteria:

- LAP data, including livestock ownership, is correct on the application
- CFP and LCP offset amounts are correct on the application

Note: Note on the copy of the reports, the reason(s) a producer is listed on the LAP Payment Reduction Exception Report and the LAP Payment Reduction Mismatch Report, if the LAP application payment reductions are correct. Do not submit the information to DAFP as previously instructed.

- all other eligibility criteria are met.

If during the LAP application and payment process discrepancies are found in the reported data, review the CFP and LCP applications identified as incorrect and follow applicable procedure for overpayments.

B Funds Control

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

The initial allocation will be based on estimated payment amounts from the upload report. The estimates will be based on the highest payment amount for either 2001 or 2002 that has been loaded in the system for the producer as of December 12, 2003.

County Offices may begin issuing payments immediately upon receipt of their funds.