

For: State Offices and Service Centers

**Closeout of 2001/2002 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) and Sugar Beet
Disaster Program (SDP) Overpayments**

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1 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), signed February 20, 2003, authorizes the Secretary to provide disaster assistance to producers who suffered crop losses because of adverse weather conditions.

Notice DAP-200 advised State and County Offices that software:

- is included in County Release No. 547 to disable options for the following:
 - loading and modifying 2001 and 2002 CDP applications
 - issuing and canceling 2001/2002 CDP payments
- options would remain enabled to allow County Offices to process overpayments for producers that do not meet linkage requirements.

Information Bulletin No. 3094 provided information on the “CDP Linkage Noncompliance Report” including an example of how the overpayment software functions for computing overpayments when producers applied for 2001/2002 CDP for both years.

B Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices that:

- software modifications will be included in County Release No. 547 that also permanently disables 2001/2002 CDP and SDP:
 - application options to record enrollment and/or approval dates
 - overpayment processing options
- all overpayments shall be processed before County Release No. 547 is installed.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2005	State Offices; State Offices relay to Service Centers

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2 County Office Action

A Disabled Software

Software to disable all application, payment, and overpayment processing options for 2001/2002 CDP and SDP will be included in County Release No. 547, which is scheduled to arrive in County Offices by October 1, 2004.

County Offices shall ensure all the following actions are taken before County Release No. 547 is installed.

- **All** application data, including enrollment and approval dates, is loaded in the system. This includes applications that:
 - are in appeal status
 - were filed on a manual application and have not been loaded
 - have been disapproved by COC.
- Subsidiary files are updated properly for joint operations, entities, combined producers, payment limitation allocations, and eligibility data.
- Payments are issued to **all eligible** producers.
- Legitimate overpayments are transferred to the Common Receivable System (CRS) and producers are notified of the debt according to 58-FI and 67-FI.
- Overpayments that may have been transferred to CRS in error are canceled according to 5-DAP.

B Establishing Overpayments After Software Is Disabled

After the software is disabled, all overpayments, including those for producers that do not meet linkage requirements, must be:

- computed manually
- manually established in CRS for 2001/2002 CDP using program code "01-02CDP"
- manually established in CRS for 2001/2002 SDP using program code "01-02SDP".

Reminder: Authorization will be required from the National Office to issue any additional 2001/2002 CDP and SDP payments. See Notice DAP-200 for additional information.

C Information Bulletin No. 3094

County Offices shall disregard the example provided in Information Bulletin no. 3094. Follow procedure in 5-DAP, subparagraph 15A for linkage requirements. Producer will not be allowed to swap years if linkage requirement is not met.