

For: Virginia State Office and Service Centers

Issuing 2003 Virginia Crop Disaster Program (CDP) Payments

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1 Overview

A Background

The Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2005 (Pub. L. 108-324), signed into law October 13, 2004, authorizes the Secretary to provide disaster assistance to producers who suffered crop losses due to adverse weather conditions. This Act provided a disaster funding allocation of \$50 million for producers located in the Commonwealth of Virginia who experienced losses resulting from hurricanes, tropical storms, and other weather-related disasters that occurred during calendar year 2003. Signup for CDP-VA:

- began March 14, 2005
- ended June 17, 2005.

Program enrollment data has been uploaded weekly to the Kansas City mainframe to determine whether VA-CDP payments will be factored to ensure that the program funding allocation is not exceeded.

B Purpose

This notice:

- advises State and County Offices that:
 - the payment factor was downloaded to County Offices on June 17, 2005
 - software to issue 2003 VA-CDP payments was included in County Release No. 564
- provides instructions for County Offices to issue payments to eligible producers on approved applications.

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February 1, 2006	Virginia State Office; State Office relay to Service Centers

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A Payment Factor

The payment factor for 2003 VA-CDP:

- payments is 100.0 percent
- was transmitted to County Offices on June 17, 2005.

B Funds Control Allotments

Because of the specific funding allocation for 2003 VA-CDP, payments will be controlled through the funds control process. On June 17, 2005, allotments were provided to each applicable County Office in Virginia through the funds control process. Initial allotments were determined by the National Office based on enrollment data uploaded from County Offices.

County Offices shall contact the National Office to request additional allotments by sending an e-mail message to **all** of the following:

- **Sandy.Bryant@wdc.usda.gov**
- **Tracey.Smith@wdc.usda.gov**
- carbon copy to the State Office contact for VA-CDP.

C Payment Processing Software

The software to issue 2003 VA-CDP payments was included in County Release No. 564, however the menu options were disabled. On June 17, 2005, software was transmitted to County Offices that enables the VA-CDP payment options.

The software for 2003 VA-CDP functions exactly like the software developed for the 2003-2005 CDP process with the following exceptions.

- Access the software according to 5-DAP (Rev. 1), subparagraph 474 A. On Menu MHADP0, select option 2, "Virginia Payment Processing".
- The VA-CDP payment process is designed in a manner similar to the 2003-2005 CDP payment process. As such, the menus and screens look the same with the exception of the screen name and reference number. The primary difference is that "Virginia" has been added to the menu or screen name and the screen reference has a prefix of "MHAV.." instead of "MHAD.." which is used for regular CDP.

Example: Menu MHADN0, "2003-2005 CDP Payment Processing Main Menu", is used for the regular CDP program. Menu MHAVN0, "2003 Virginia Payment Processing Main Menu", is the equivalent menu for 2003 VA-CDP.

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D VA-CDP Application Software

Because of the current level of enrollment activity, the application processing options will remain enabled until further notice.

E County Office Action

After the payment factor and software to enable the payment processing options is received, County Offices shall **immediately** begin issuing payments **on June 20, 2005**, to all producers on approved applications.

County Offices shall:

- immediately ensure that the instructions in the information bulletin for the program payment factor are followed
- request additional allotments according to subparagraph 2 B, as needed.