

For: North Carolina State Office and Service Centers

Issuing 2003 North Carolina Crop Disaster Program (NC-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 fruit and vegetable crop losses because of adverse weather conditions. This Act provided a disaster funding allocation of \$3 million for producers located in North Carolina who experienced losses resulting from hurricanes, tropical storms, and other weather-related disasters that occurred during calendar year 2003. Signup for NC-CDP:

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

Program enrollment data has been uploaded weekly to the Kansas City mainframe to determine if NC-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 will be downloaded to County Offices on July 29, 2005
 - software to issue 2003 NC-CDP payments was included in County Release No. 564
- provides instructions for County Offices to issue payments to eligible producers on approved applications.

Disposal Date	Distribution
February 1, 2006	North Carolina State Office; State Office relay to Service Centers

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A Payment Factor

The payment factor for 2003 NC-CDP:

- is 100.0 percent
- will be transmitted to County Offices on July 29, 2005.

B Funds Control Allotments

Because of the specific funding allocation for 2003 NC-CDP, payments will be controlled through the funds control process. On July 29, 2005, allotments will be provided to each applicable County Office in North Carolina through the funds control process. Initial allotments will be 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 NC-CDP.

C Payment Processing Software

Software to issue 2003 NC-CDP payments was included in County Release No. 564; however, the menu options were disabled. On July 29, 2005, software will be transmitted to County Offices that enables NC-CDP payment options.

Software for 2003 NC-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 3, "North Carolina Payment Processing".
- The NC-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 "North Carolina" has been added to the menu or screen name and the screen reference has a prefix of "MHAN..." instead of "MHAD..." which is used for regular CDP.

Example: 2003-2005 CDP Payment Processing Main Menu MHADN0 is used for the regular CDP program. 2003 North Carolina Payment Processing Main Menu MHANN0 is the equivalent menu for 2003 NC-CDP.

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D NC-CDP Application Software

Because of the current level of enrollment activity, the application processing options **have been permanently disabled**.

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 July 29, 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 B, as needed
- contact the North Carolina State Office for guidance for any application that is loaded incorrectly, needs to be corrected, or was not loaded before the application software being disabled.

F State Office Action

The North Carolina State Office shall contact PECD for guidance about any problems with application data that needs to be corrected or recorded in the system.