

**For:** Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas State and County Offices

**Issuing Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Program Payments**

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



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Rita, and Wilma significantly impacted the Gulf Coast region and Hurricane Ophelia impacted North Carolina in 2005. Because of the severity and wide spread devastation, the Secretary has determined to use the authority under Section 32 of the Agriculture Adjustment Act of August 24, 1935, to implement 4 disaster programs to assist in re-establishing farmers' purchasing power in these areas. Regulations governing these disaster programs can be found at 7 CFR Part 760, Subparts B through F. Signup for Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Programs began May 17, 2006.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides the payment software release numbers for the following 2005 Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Programs:

- Feed Indemnity Program (FIP)
- Hurricane Indemnity Program (HIP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Tree Indemnity Program (TIP).

**Note:** Software for Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Program overpayment processing will be available in a later county release.

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| <b>Disposal Date</b><br><br>December 1, 2006 | <b>Distribution</b><br><br>Above State Offices; State Offices relay to<br>County Offices |
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#### A Funds Control Allotments

Allotments will be provided to each applicable County Office through the funds control process. Initial allotments will be determined by the National Office for the State. State Offices **must** allocate funds to the County Offices.

State Office 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**
- **tina.nemec@wdc.usda.gov**
- **lenior.simmons@wdc.usda.gov**
- **steve.peterson@wdc.usda.gov**.

#### B Payment Processing Software

The software to issue:

- **LIP** and **TIP** payments will be included in County Release No. 589

**Note:** The program menu options for LIP and TIP will be open and available for County Offices to issue payments.

- **FIP** and **HIP** payments will be included in County Release No. 589, however, the menu options will be disabled.

**Note:** The software to open the FIP and HIP payment menus will be transmitted to County Offices as soon as it is available.

Instructions for payment processing are included in:

- 4-DAP for FIP and LIP
- 5-DAP for TIP and HIP.

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### **3 Action**

#### **A State Office Action**

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices are immediately informed of the contents of this notice.

#### **B County Office Action**

County Offices shall:

- install software immediately upon receiving County Release No. 589
- immediately begin issuing payments to all producers on approved applications as soon as software is available.