

**For:** AL, FL, LA, MS, NC, and TX State and County Offices

**Hurricane Indemnity Program (HIP) Remaining Open**

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



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Notice DAP-253 provided the closeout date for all of the 2005 Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Programs as May 14, 2007. HIP will remain open until further notice.

OIG conducted an audit on HIP. As a result of the audit findings, reinsurance companies are reviewing the causes of loss already submitted on HIP downloads. In some cases, the cause of loss that made the crop eligible under HIP is being removed. HIP cannot be closed out until the National Office is certain that all changes have been received in County Offices.

**B Purpose**

This notice advises State and County Offices in the affected States:

- that the application and payment processing software for HIP will remain open until further notice
- RMA downloads for HIP will continue until further notice
- about actions to be taken by State and County Offices to ensure that changes received in the downloads are timely processed.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
May 1, 2008	Above State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

## Notice DAP-254

### 2 State and County Office Action

#### A County Office Action

County Offices shall ensure that:

- applicable producers who are still waiting for payment under the provisions of Notice DAP-249 are informed that HIP will remain open until further notice
- all application data is loaded into System 36 including applications that are in appeal status or have been disapproved by COC
- subsidiary files for 2005 are updated properly for joint operations, entities, combined producers, payment limitation allocations, and eligibility data
- payments are issued to **all eligible** producers
- procedure in 5-DAP (Rev. 1), paragraph 838, is followed to print the HIP Discrepancy Report and resolve any discrepancies on HIP applications as a result of changes to the RMA Download Report
- overpayments created as a result of changes to the RMA Download Report are processed immediately according to 5-DAP (Rev. 1), paragraph 892.

#### B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices inform HIP producers who have not been paid, but who contacted the County Office by COB September 29, 2006, under the provisions of Notice DAP-249 that HIP will remain open until further notice.