

For: State and County Offices

1999 Disaster Programs

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

On October 22, 1999, Pub. L. 106-78, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, authorized 1999 disaster assistance including:

- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Phase II
- Crop Disaster Program.

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Purpose

This notice provides preliminary information to assist State and County Offices in the implementation of these programs.

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Contact

If there are questions about this notice, contact either the:

- Compliance Branch, PECD, at 202-720-9882
- Common Provisions Branch, PECD, at 202-720-3464.

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1999 LIP, Phase II Signup Dates

Signup for 1999 LIP, Phase II, began on November 15, 1999, and will continue through January 21, 2000. See 1-DAP, Part 4, Section 1, for LIP policy and procedure.

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1999 Crop Disaster Program Signup Dates

Signup for 1999 Crop Disaster Program will:

- begin December 13, 1999
- continue through February 25, 2000.

This program provides benefits to eligible producers who suffered crop losses in 1999. There are no multi-year provisions. A new handbook 2-DAP:

- will provide policy and procedure for the 1999 Crop Disaster Program
- should be in the field by December 6, 1999.

County Release No. 422 provides application software and will be in the field before December 13, 1999. County Offices shall ensure that the software is loaded so applications can be entered in the system.

Note: All new forms have been designed for this program. Do **not** use forms from 1998 Single-Year Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program.

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Advance Payments

1999 Crop Disaster Program advance payments of 35 percent will be issued when:

- the producer has completed all necessary information
- the application has been approved.

Note: Producers who wish to receive advance payments in 2000 should wait until after January 1, 2000, to file the application.
