

For: State Offices and Service Centers

**2004 Advance Direct Payments**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 provides for direct payments for covered commodities and peanuts with crop years 2002 through 2007.

**B Purpose**

This notice informs State and County Offices of the following:

- software to issue 2004 advance direct payments for covered commodities and peanuts will be included in County Release No. 525
- 2004 advance direct payments are authorized as of December 1, 2003.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
June 1, 2004	State Offices; State Offices relay to Service Centers

## **2 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 upon receiving County Release No. 525
- begin issuing 2004 advance direct payments as of December 1, 2003.

**Note:** Software for 2004 direct overpayment processing will be available in a later county release.