

For: State and County Offices

2007 Final Direct Payments

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1 Overview

A Background

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

B Purpose

This notice:

- informs State and County Offices that:
 - 2007 final direct payments for:
 - peanuts can be issued as of Tuesday, September 25, 2007, **after** the actions in subparagraph 3 B have been completed
 - covered commodities can be issued on or about Tuesday, October 9, 2007
 - software will be transmitted Friday, September 21, 2007, according to a forthcoming information bulletin
 - final direct payment rates are in 2-DCP, subparagraph 21 B
- advises County Offices about handling situations involving bankruptcy, deceased producers, or successor-in-interest.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2008	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Issuing Payments to Producers With Special Circumstances

A Bankruptcy

County Offices shall:

- follow existing procedures for producers who have filed bankruptcy
- refer to 67-FI.

B Deceased Producers

County Offices shall follow the policy in 1-DCP, paragraph 394 for deceased producers.

C Successor-in-Interest

County Offices shall follow the policy in 1-DCP, paragraph 393 for successor-in-interest.

3 State and County Office Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices:

- are informed of the contents of this notice
- follow directions in the forthcoming information bulletin for loading the program parameter file.

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3 State and County Office Action (Continued)

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- ensure that:
 - DCP fruit and vegetable payment reductions are updated according to 4-CP
 - FSA-578 has all acres certified according to 2-CP.

Note: The overpayment due date for a producer that has not certified all acres according to 2-CP is October 1, 2007. If a producer is determined as overpaid on or after October 1 of the current FY and the overpayment is subsequently transferred to receivables and then claims, claim interest will apply even though the condition causing the overpayment is later resolved. See 2-DCP, paragraph 223.

- follow directions outlined in the forthcoming information bulletin to ensure that the new program parameter file is loaded to the County Office system
- print the 2007 Direct Program Parameter file information according to 1-CM, subparagraph 108 A
- begin issuing 2007 final direct peanut payments, as applicable, **after** completing the instructions in the information bulletin and this subparagraph
- issue payments for covered commodities on or about Tuesday, October 9, 2007, if:
 - 2008 fiscal year e-funds have been allocated
 - procedure in this subparagraph has been completed.