

For: State and County Offices

2003 Advance Counter-Cyclical (CC) Payments

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act) provides for CC payments for covered commodities and peanuts beginning with crop year 2002 when the effective price for a commodity is below the target price for a commodity. For eligible crops, advance CC payments will be issued in October and February.

B Purpose

This notice provides information about the following:

- issuing 2003 advance CC payments
- updating DCP contracts, as necessary, to issue crop year 2003 advance CC payments.

2 Issuing Crop Year 2003 Advance CC Payments

A Timeframe

If any crops are authorized for 2003 advance CC payments, County Offices shall begin issuing payments as soon as authorized, but no earlier than October 1, 2003. All possible efforts should be made to ensure that all authorized 2003 1st advance CC payments are issued by **COB October 31, 2003**. The Act states that ...“to the maximum extent practicable”... payments are to be issued by October 31, 2003.

B Updating CCC-509

Producers who initially did not choose to receive an advance CC payment while signing a 2003 CCC-509, may now update their 2003 CCC-509 to receive an advance CC payment. However, to receive a 1st advance, the producer must request that the 2003 CCC-509 be updated by COB October 31, 2003. Any producer that does not have their CCC-509 updated by October 31, 2003, will not receive a 1st advance, but may request a second advance that will be issued starting in February 2004.

Disposal Date	Distribution
November 1, 2003	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices