

For: State and County Offices

Acceptable Remittances Instead of Cash

Approved by: Administrator



1 Overview

A Background

To reduce costs and risks to the Agency, the Code of Federal Regulations was recently revised to allow for the elimination of cash as an acceptable form of payment.

Recent Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) automation innovations have made it possible to accept payments through debit cards or Automated Clearing House (ACH) debits for most farm and loan programs. Debit cards and ACH debits are **not** currently acceptable forms of payment for MAL, FSFL, and NAP fees.

B Purpose

This notice provides notification that FSA will limit cash payments to no more than \$100.00 per transaction. Payments over \$100.00 can be made in the form of ACH debit, check, debit card, money order, or wire transfer.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2024	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C County Office Contact

County Offices will contact their State Office with questions about this notice.

D State Office Contact

State Offices with questions about processing cash remittances in NRRS will submit a ticket to Billings and Collections Section through [FPACNow](#) according to the following instructions:

- select “Financial Management”
- select “Billing and Collections” for the Request Type
- select “FSA-NRRS Collection” for the Request Type Subcategory
- provide a summary of the request in the Request Description box
- CLICK “Add attachments” to add any relevant attachments
- CLICK “Submit” to enter the ticket into the workflow queue.

2 Definitions

A Debit Card

Debit card is defined as a payment card that deducts money directly from a customer’s bank account to pay for a purchase.

B ACH Debit

ACH debit is defined as a transaction that withdraws funds from a checking or savings account.

3 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices will display the Payments Poster (Exhibit 1) in areas where payments are received from customers.

Payments Poster

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NOTICE

FORMS OF ACCEPTABLE PAYMENTS

Farm Service Agency is unable to process cash payments over \$100.00.
Acceptable forms of payments over \$100.00 include:

- ACH*
- Checks, including certified checks, cashier's checks, personal checks or business checks
- Debit Card *
- Money Order
- Wire Transfer

*ACH Debit and Debit Cards are accepted forms of payment for most programs. Exceptions include Marketing Assistance Loans, Farm Storage Facility Loans, FSA program fees, and NAP fees.

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