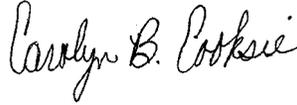


For: FSA Offices

Releasing Debt and Loan Restructuring System (DALR\$) 2000 Version 3.7

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs



1 Overview

A Background

DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7 was released to Field Offices during the week of June 28, 2004.

B Purpose

This notice:

- provides information about the installation and implementation of the DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7 software
- describes known system limitations and the appropriate corrective actions, if applicable.

Note: Some software limitations that existed in previous versions of DALR\$ have not been corrected in DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7. Limitations that have not been corrected will be addressed in future maintenance contracts.

C Contact

If there are any questions about:

- installing or uninstalling software, hardware, MS Windows XP, or other Common Computing Environment (CCE) Operating System concerns, contact the State Computer Specialist

Note: If the State Computer Specialist is not available, contact the FSA National Help Desk at 1-800-255-2434.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2004	All FSA Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C Contact (Continued)

- software program use, implementation, and regulatory issues:
 - County Offices shall contact the State DALR\$ Coordinator or the State Office
 - State DALR\$ Coordinators or State Offices shall contact Sharilyn Hashimoto, Program Sponsor, LSPMD, at 202-720-2743 or send an e-mail to sharilyn.hashimoto@wdc.usda.gov.

2 Installing and Implementing DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.7 Software

A Installing and Implementing Software

DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7 shall be installed immediately upon receipt.

Effective August 1, 2004, all loan servicing cases, with the exception of those identified in this subparagraph, must be processed using DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7.

Exception: Cases that are currently pending, because of appeal or other legal action, may continue to be processed under DALR\$ version 4.2 Y2K, DALR\$ 6.4, DALR\$ 1.0.10, DALR\$ 2.4, and DALR\$ 3.3.

Note: The CCE MS Windows XP Upgrade Deployment initiative began in February 2003, with a target completion date for all MS Windows XP upgrades being May 2004. There may be XP upgrades that have not been completed. Upon receipt, the DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7 software shall be installed concurrently as completion of the CCE XP upgrades on applicable equipment are accomplished. Be reminded that the DALR\$ rates file that is available for download from the web must be of a like version. **Do not** attempt to load an older version of the rates file into the new DALR\$ version 3.7 as this may result in corruption of the existing database.

B Installation Requirements for DALR\$ 2000

DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7 software must be installed on standard CCE desktops and laptops with the following system requirements:

- DALR\$ 2000 operates on an authorized USDA CCE computer system running the CCE XP Coreload
- all other systems outside of USDA, FSA, NRCS, and RD that are not part of the USDA domain will need to procure their own software licenses and required software for their own systems for DALR\$ 2000 to operate properly.

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2 Installing and Implementing DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.7 Software (Continued)

C Installation of the Software

DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7 software must be installed as stated in subparagraph B. State Offices are to ensure that the DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7 software is installed and implemented by the effective date by having an authorized user follow PC Transmittal No. 34 to install the software. Copies of PC Transmittal No. 34 may be obtained at <http://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/Releases/Default.asp>.

Note: For installation sign-on, the user must have an ID with XP Administrative privileges.

D DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.7 User's Guide

The DALR\$ 2000 User's Guide has been updated for this release and will be available for download at [http://www.flp.fsa.usda.gov:4019/ibi_html/fcad_html/DALR\\$index.html](http://www.flp.fsa.usda.gov:4019/ibi_html/fcad_html/DALR$index.html).

E DALR\$ Interest/Discount Rates File Web Location

The DALR\$ 2000 Interest/Discount Rates file web page is located at <http://intra4.fsa.usda.gov/edso/flpwdc/default.asp>.

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3 Changes to DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.7

A DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.7 Changes

Version 3.7 modified the following in the software:

Area	Modifications
Prior Liens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enabled the user to enter a nonprogram prior lien without having to tie a program loan to the property.• Changed the Prior Lien Popup Screen as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• added a tabbed screen for ranking Prior Liens• included nonprogram loans to the list on the FSA Loans side of the screen• removed 2 NP columns from the Prior Liens screen previously added in DALR\$ V 2.4• allowed user to rank Prior Liens under new Lien Ranking screen• corrected some Full Screen Help Text and added Help Text for new fields• added Nonprogram Loans in the Loans Secured Section of the Analysis Report in NRP Info.

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3 Changes to DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.7 (Continued)

A DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.7 Changes (Continued)

Area	Modifications
Interest Rate Fix	Corrected the display of Interest Rates to be 3 digits after the decimal point in the Analysis Report. Changes were made in the report for the new Interest Rate Column in step 3B of the “VI Rescheduling Reamortizing Program Loans” Section.
Interest/Disc Rate Limit	Corrected importing problem when system was importing interest or discount rates tables that exceed 2,000 records.
County Code Problem	Corrected problem with the county code being automatically deleted if the last existing borrower was deleted.
Cash Improvement Loop Problem	Corrected problem with cash improvement routine being displayed twice while running a report when a borrower had nonprogram loans that were delinquent. The correction was made in the cash improvement calculations in the Optimum Cash Flow process.
Consolidation for AP & MB	Changed the system to consolidate loan types for 43-AP and MB if “Consolidation” field equals “Yes”.
Help Text For Farm Business Plan	Changed the System Help Text, Full Screen Help Text, and Field Help Text from “Farm Home Plan” to “Farm Business Plan”. Many other changes made to Help Text for clarification in defining system requirements.
1C Outcome Report	Corrected problem with system displaying restructure information for nonprogram loan when summary says no restructure.

B Pre-Existing Limitations in DALR\$

Exhibit 1 lists known system limitations not corrected by DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7.

Known Limitations Identified in DALR\$ 2000 Version 3.7

Screen/Area Affected	Description of Limitation	Corrective Action/Comment
Basic Borrower Information	System will not recognize a date entered in “mmddyyyy” format.	Enter dates in the format “mm/dd/yyyy”. Slashes are mandatory.
Existing Loan Screen (ELS)	Note maturity date that is entered when the servicing action for a loan is coded “N” is not cleared from the field when the user changes the servicing code to something other than “N”.	No corrective action necessary. Retained data does not affect calculation process.
Loan Interest Rate	When adding a new record, only 1 record can be added at a time.	Form is single add only.
	In “ADD”, if the user enters initials and then tabs back to the “Date” field, the user will be in search mode. Therefore, if the user enters an existing date, the user will not receive the “this record already exists” validation, but the record will be brought up on the screen.	User should be aware of the sequence for data entry with this particular screen.
New Loans	The “Term” field validation recognizes a range of 1 to 50 years. If an OL loan with a maximum term of 7 years was entered and then changed to an FO loan with a maximum term of 40 years, DALR\$ recognizes 7 years as a valid entry and will not automatically change the data.	User must verify that term is correct. If necessary, manually correct to proper maximum term.
Report	User should not click on “X” in upper right hand corner to close out view of DALR\$ report. User must select “CLOSE” icon. If user clicks on the “X” to close, the document will not close properly and the user will have to go through additional steps to close the document.	This is a limitation of MS Word.
System Settings	Upon initial installation of DALR\$ 2000 version 3.7, when a user attempts to run the program for the first time, unless MS Word and MS Access have been previously run, the user may receive a message window asking the user to enter the database password.	MS Word and MS Access must be initialized before DALR\$ 3.7 being run for the first time. The DALR\$ database is password protected as a security feature and should not be accessed outside of the DALR\$ 2000 program.