

For: State Offices

**Survey of States on How They Currently Pay for
Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) UCC-1 Filing Fees, Lien Searches, and Credit Reports**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 State Office Survey

A Background

According to OMB Circular A-123 findings and corrective action recommendations, FMD is developing a process to centralize all payments through the Department of Treasury, including System 36 initiated payments, and eliminating CCC-184 stock from all offices. Payment centralization is anticipated to be completed in June 2008. FMD will provide additional information for unused CCC-184 disposition by an FI notice when centralization is nearing completion.

Note: When centralization is complete, CCC-184's will **no** longer be available in County Offices to pay for FSFL UCC-1 filing fees, lien searches, and credit reports.

The FSFL Program requires:

- UCC-1's to be filed on the loan collateral
- lien searches conducted on all applicants
- UCC-1 filings and lien searches to be completed **before** the initial loan approval
- credit reports be obtained on the applicants **before** the initial loan approval; the credit report is used as part of the required financial analysis.

The methods used to pay for UCC-1 filing fees, lien searches, and credit reports are based on arrangements that State and/or County Offices have made with the Secretary of State, lien search contractor, if applicable, and credit reporting agencies.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2008	State Offices

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B Purpose

This notice provides a survey (Exhibit 1) for State Offices to complete on the method currently used to pay for UCC-1 filing fees, lien searches, and credit reports.

PSD **must** obtain information as to how filing fees, lien searches, and credit reports are currently paid by State and County Offices to assist in developing alternative methods for paying for these required services in a timely manner.

C Contact

If there are questions about this notice, State Specialists shall contact the appropriate Office as follows.

Issue	Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payment Centralization• Eliminating CCC-184 Stock• Establishing UCC-1 Prepaid Accounts With Secretary of State	Debbie Simmons, FMD, by either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail to debbie.simmons@wdc.usda.gov• telephone at 703-305-1309.
FSFL Program Survey	DeAnn Allen, PSD, by either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail to deann.allen@wdc.usda.gov• telephone at 202-720-9889.

D State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- complete the information requested in Exhibit 1 by contacting County Offices, if necessary
- submit one Exhibit 1 per State
- e-mail Exhibit 1 to DeAnn Allen, PSD by Wednesday, **February 20, 2008**, to **deann.allen@wdc.usda.gov**.

Notes: Negative reports are **required**.

Separate reports are requested for marketing assistance loan and sugar loan UCC-1 filing fees and lien searches according to Notice LP-2083, Exhibit 1.

FSFL Program Survey

State Offices **must** complete and e-mail 1 survey per State to PSD by Wednesday, February 20, 2008, to deann.allen@wdc.usda.gov.

State: _____

Date Submitted: _____

FSFL UCC-1 Filing Fees

Note: Negative reports are **required**.

How does your State currently pay for UCC-1 filings and continuations?

Check box next to the appropriate answer or explain in detail another method in "Other".

For each UCC-1, as filed, with CCC-184 from the County Office.	
For each UCC-1, as filed, with an electronic funds transfer (EFT) from the County Office.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
Prepaid account with the County Office using CCC-184.	
Prepaid account with the County Office using EFT.	
Prepaid account with the State Office using CCC-184.	
Prepaid account with the State Office using EFT.	
Is the billing for the payment of UCC-1 filing fees for FSFL combined with the billing of UCC-1 filing fees for other programs, and if so, which programs?	
Other:	

FSFL Lien Search Requests

Note: Negative reports are **required**.

How does your State currently pay for lien searches?

Check box next to the appropriate answer or explain in detail another method in "Other".

For each lien search, as requested, with CCC-184 from the County Office.	
For each lien search, as requested, with EFT from the County Office.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
Prepaid account with the County Office using CCC-184.	
Prepaid account with the County Office using EFT.	
Prepaid account with the State Office using CCC-184.	
Prepaid account with the State Office using EFT.	
Is the billing for the payment of lien search requests for FSFL combined with the billing of lien search requests for other programs, and if so, which programs?	
Other:	

FSFL Program Survey (Continued)

State: _____

FSFL Credit Reports

Note: Negative reports are **required**.

How does your State currently pay for credit reports?

Check box next to appropriate answer or explain in detail another method in "Other".

For each credit report, as requested, with a CCC-184 from the County Office.	
For each credit report, as requested, with an EFT from the County Office.	
For each credit report, as requested, with a CCC-184 from the State Office.	
For each credit report, as requested, with an EFT from the State Office.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
Is the billing for the payment of credit reports for FSFL combined with the billing of credit reports for other programs, and if so, which programs?	
Other:	

Would your State be interested in a national contract for obtaining FSFL credit reports?

Check box next to appropriate answer or explain in detail in "Maybe".

Yes.	
No.	
Maybe – Explain:	