

For: State and County Offices

**Signup for the Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP) for Year 1**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

**1 Overview**

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**Background**

The United States lamb and sheep producers are experiencing an economic disaster that threatens to financially devastate them and their families, changing forever the structure of the industry. On July 7, 1999, the President issued a declaration concerning lamb meat that directed the Secretary of Agriculture to implement adjustment assistance programs based on authorized programs to facilitate efforts of the domestic lamb industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition.

A handbook, software, and PS notice on LMAAP are forthcoming.

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**Purpose**

This notice provides:

- the signup period for LMAAP Year 1
- information on application form FSA-382, LMAAP Payment Application (Year 1).

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| <p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>June 1, 2001</p> | <p><b>Distribution</b></p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p> |
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### 2 General Information

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##### Source of Authority

The source of authority for LMAAP is the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended, Section 32. The Secretary has authorized \$30 million of Section 32 funds to be used for direct payments to lamb producers. The allocated funds are to be distributed over 3 years.

The objective of the program is to help lamb and sheep producers improve:

- their production efficiencies
  - the marketability of lamb meat.
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##### Year 1 Payments

LMAAP payments are made to producers on sheep and lamb operations. In Year 1, eligible sheep and lamb operations may apply for the following 3 types of payments:

- ram payment
- Sheep Improvement Program payment
- facility improvement payment.

Year 1 is the period from July 22, 1999, through September 30, 2000.

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##### Eligible Operations

To be eligible to receive cash payments in Year 1, in addition to meeting each payment criteria, a sheep and lamb operation must:

- be engaged in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products at the time of filing the application
  - have gross income of \$2.5 million or less in 1999.
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**Signup Period**

Signup for LMAAP for Year 1 began on June 19, 2000, and ends on October 13, 2000. Eligible producers may file an application for benefits any time **during this sign-up period. Producers shall file applications for benefits in the county where the lamb and/or sheep operation is located.**

All LMAAP applications must be submitted to the applicable County Office by **COB, October 13, 2000.** Late-filed provisions will **not** apply to LMAAP. Applications received or requested after COB, October 13, 2000, will **not** be accepted. This includes FAXed applications.

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**FSA-382  
Availability**

FSA-382 is available in WordPerfect and PDF format on BBS under the National Forms Library. The form for the program will be on the PSD home page by COB, June 23, 2000. The PSD website is [www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd). State Offices shall locally reproduce FSA-382.

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**3 County Office Action**

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**Action**

County Offices shall:

- make available FSA-382 to sheep and lamb producers
  - accept FSA-382
  - await further instructions before taking action on applications.
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