

For: State and County Offices

**Signup for the Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program (WAMLAP)**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

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**Background**

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA), Section 204(d) provided for payments to wool and mohair producers for the 1999 marketing year.

WAMLAP regulations at 7 CFR Part 1469 have been finalized and are in clearance.

**B**

**Purpose**

This notice provides:

- policy and procedure for implementing WAMLAP
- the signup period for WAMLAP
- eligibility criteria
- instructions for filing applications
- payment rates
- compliance instructions
- instructions for completing CCC-1155.

**Note:** This notice does not provide authority to issue payments.

<p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>February 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 WAMLAP is ARPA. Section 204(d) of ARPA provides that the Secretary of Agriculture shall make payments from CCC funds to producers of wool and mohair for the 1999 marketing year.

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##### Program Availability

WAMLAP is available to wool or mohair producers who produced and sheared wool or mohair from January 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999.

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#### C

##### Signup Period

Signup for WAMLAP begins on October 10, 2000, and ends on December 29, 2000. Eligible producers may file an application for a payment anytime during this signup period. Producers shall file applications for a payment at the County Office nearest to the producer's place of residence or if the producer is already an FSA customer, where the producer's records are maintained.

**Note:** A multi-county wool and mohair producer should make application for WAMLAP benefits in the county where the headquarters is located.

All WAMLAP applications must be submitted to the applicable County Office by COB December 29, 2000. Late-filed provisions do not apply to WAMLAP. Applications requested or received after COB December 29, 2000, will not be accepted. This includes FAXed applications, accepted according to 1-CM, paragraph 1008.

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##### Policies and Procedures

All procedural instructions for administering WAMLAP will be issued through LD notices because WAMLAP is a 1-time payment program.

All automated instructions for processing WAMLAP through APSS will be issued through PS notices.

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#### Regulations

Regulations for WAMLAP will be:

- published in 7 CFR Part 1469
  - available on BBS and the PSD home page, at [www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/), after publication in the FR.
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#### Payment Processing

County Offices **shall not** make any WAMLAP payments until the regulation is published in the FR. A subsequent LD notice will notify County Offices of the publication date.

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### 3 Responsibilities and Action

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#### FSA Responsibilities

FSA has primary responsibility through STC's and COC's for administering WAMLAP.

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#### B

#### STC Action

STC's shall supervise and monitor WAMLAP to ensure that policies and procedures outlined in this notice are being uniformly followed by County Offices.

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#### C

#### COC Action

COC's shall:

- administer WAMLAP at the county level under STC supervision
  - inform producers about the eligibility requirements for a WAMLAP payment
  - approve or disapprove WAMLAP payment requests according to this notice.
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### 4 WAMLAP Definitions

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#### Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to WAMLAP.

- Application means CCC-1155, Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program Payment Application.
- Application period means October 10, 2000, through December 29, 2000.
- Goat is an adult Angora goat or the kid of an Angora goat.
- Grease mohair means mohair as it comes from the Angora goat or the kid of an Angora goat before applying any process to remove the natural oils or fats.
- Grease wool means wool as it comes from the sheep or lambs before applying any process to remove the natural oils or fats.
- Hide means thick tough skin of the animal.
- Lamb means a young ovine animal that has not cut the second pair of permanent teeth. The term includes animals referred to in the livestock trade as lambs, yearlings, or yearling lambs.
- Marketing year means the period beginning January 1, 1999, and ending December 31, 1999, both dates inclusive.
- Mohair means the hair sheared from a live goat before applying any process that removes the natural oils or fats or produces a mohair product. Mohair does not include grease mohair shorn from pelts or hides.
- Pelt means the skin of the animal with wool still attached to the skin.
- Person means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, estate, trust, association, cooperative, or other business enterprise or legal entity who is, or whose members are, a citizen or citizens of, or legal resident alien or aliens in the United States.
- Producers means any person or group of persons who as a single unit produce wool or mohair and whose production and facilities are located in the United States.
- Pulled mohair means mohair obtained from the pelts or hides of dead goats.

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### 4 WAMLAP Definitions (Continued)

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#### Definitions (Continued)

- Pulled wool means wool obtained from the pelts or hides of dead sheep.
  - Shorn mohair means grease mohair sheared from a live Angora goat or the kid of an Angora goat. Shorn mohair does not include pelts, hides, or pulled mohair.
  - Shorn wool means grease wool sheared from live sheep or lambs. Shorn wool does not include pelts, hides, or pulled wool.
  - United States means the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
  - Wool means the hair sheared from a live sheep before applying any process that removes the natural oils or fats or produces a wool product. Wool does not include grease wool shorn from pelts or hides.
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### 5 General Eligibility

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#### Definition of Eligible Wool or Mohair Producer

An eligible wool or mohair producer is any person or group of persons:

- who as a single unit produced wool or mohair
  - whose production and facilities are located in the United States.
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#### B

#### Other Eligible Wool or Mohair Producers

An eligible wool or mohair producer may also include any of the following entities that are engaged in producing wool or mohair in the United States:

- an individual that has a beneficial interest in wool or mohair production, has a financial risk in the production, and is a citizen of, or legal resident alien in the United States
  - Indian tribe as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
  - Indian organization or entity chartered under the Indian Reorganization Act
  - economic enterprise under the Indian Financing Act of 1974.
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### 5 General Eligibility (Continued)

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#### C

##### Minors

A minor who is otherwise eligible according to subparagraphs A and B is eligible to participate in WAMLAP, provided the WAMLAP application is:

- signed by the minor
  - co-signed by a person determined by COC to be financially responsible.
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#### D

##### Wool or Mohair Producer Eligibility

WAMLAP payments are made to producers. Only 1 application per producer is required. To be eligible to receive payment, a producer must:

- have produced domestic wool or domestic mohair during the 1999 marketing year
- apply for payment during the application period
- still be in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products at the time of request.

**Note:** A producer does not have to be currently producing wool or mohair; however, the producer must still be in the business of marketing agricultural products.

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#### E

##### Eligible Wool or Mohair

Eligible wool or mohair must have been shorn:

- in the United States and the livestock must have been owned for 30 calendar days or more by the producer at time of shearing
  - from the livestock during the 1999 marketing year.
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**5 General Eligibility (Continued)**

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**F  
Ineligible Wool  
or Mohair**

Ineligible wool or mohair is:

- wool or mohair shorn outside of the United States
  - pulled wool or pulled mohair shorn from hides or pelts
  - wool or mohair not shorn during the 1999 marketing year
  - greased wool or greased mohair shorn from hides or pelts
  - wool or mohair owned for less than 30 calendar days
  - wool or mohair shorn while the sheep or goats were held in quarantine in connection with their importation into the United States
  - wool or mohair for which producers do not have documentation.
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**6 Payment Rates and Calculations**

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Payment Rates**

The payment rate is:

- \$0.20 cents per pound for wool
- \$0.40 cents per pound for mohair.

Calculations for wool or mohair will be computed by multiplying the certified pounds by the payment rate.

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**7 Filing CCC-1155's**

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**A  
Filing and  
Completing  
CCC-1155**

Eligible producers of wool and mohair shall file CCC-1155 to apply for WAMLAP payments. A separate CCC-1155 shall be filed for each producer during the marketing year.

See Exhibit 1 for instructions on completing CCC-1155. CCC-1155 will be available in PDF format on both the BBS, under the National Forms Library, and the PSD home page. The PSD website is <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/>. State Offices shall locally reproduce CCC-1155.

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**7 Filing CCC-1155's (Continued)**

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**B**

**Requests**

Eligible producers can file CCC-1155 to request a WAMLAP payment at the County Office nearest to the producer's place of residence. Requests can be made:

- in person
- by mail
- by telephone
- by facsimile, according to 1-CM, paragraph 1008.

Applications may also be downloaded by the producer from the Internet from the PSD website.

If applications are made by mail, telephone, facsimile, or downloaded from the Internet, the requests must be completed correctly, signed, and returned to the applicable County Office by COB Friday, December 29, 2000.

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**C**

**Signature  
Requirements**

All producer signatures, including FAXed signatures, must be received by COB December 29, 2000.

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**D**

**Direct Deposit**

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires any recipient of Federal payments who becomes eligible for that payment after July 25, 1996, to receive the payment by electronic funds transfer.

All producers receiving payments under WAMLAP must file SF-1199A according to 1-FI, Part 3.

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### 7 Filing CCC-1155's (Continued)

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#### **E Producer Self-Certification**

Producers must complete CCC-1155 by:

- self-certifying the pounds of wool or mohair shorn during the 1999 marketing year
- answering the eligibility questions
- signing CCC-1155.

Because the producer certifies that the information is correct, no additional documentation is requested from the producer at time of signup.

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#### **F COC Approval of CCC-1155**

COC, or designee, shall:

- be satisfied that all eligibility requirements have been met before approving CCC-1155
  - not approve any CCC-1155 that was requested or received after COB December 29, 2000. This includes any mailed or FAXed CCC-1155's.
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### 8 Compliance

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#### **A Spot Checks**

County Offices shall spot-check 5 percent of all approved CCC-1155's to ensure that the program is carried out according to approved policy and procedure. Use the following procedures to implement spot checks:

- by February 28, 2001, select 1 out of every 20 producers approved for a WAMLAP payment
  - inform each contact producer, by telephone, that a spot check is being conducted and request the contact producer to indicate the buyer or buyers of the wool or mohair reported on CCC-1155
  - request copies of sales documents to verify that the pounds of wool or mohair produced during the marketing period are the same number of pounds of wool or mohair indicated on CCC-1155
  - if the wool or mohair has been destroyed, request documents to support the producer's herd size during the 1999 marketing year
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### 8 Compliance (Continued)

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#### A

#### Spot Checks (Continued)

- verify that the buyer of the wool or mohair listed on sales documents is the same buyer that the contact producer identified when informed of CCC-1155 spot check.
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#### B

#### Completing Verifications

Verifications of CCC-1155's selected for spot check must be completed within 60 calendar days after signup has ended.

If the requested documentation does not support the number of pounds certified on CCC-1155, or the buyer is not the same as indicated by the contact producer, or both, the producer will be required to refund the payment for the difference.

Document results of the verification in the remarks section of CCC-1155, and inform the State Office of the number of CCC-1155's selected and the results of the verification.

Additional instructions will be issued for handling overpayments and underpayments.

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#### C

#### State Office Reports

Within 5 workdays of receiving the spot-check information, the State Office shall prepare a written report describing the review results and submit a copy of the report to PSD. The FAX number for PSD is 202-690-3307.

Additional instructions will be issued regarding the report format.

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#### Misrepresentation, Scheme, or Device

Any person who is determined by STC or COC to have committed any of the following violations shall repay the amount of the WAMLAP payment:

- adopted any scheme or device that tends to defeat the purpose of WAMLAP
  - made any fraudulent representation
  - misrepresented any fact affecting a program determination.
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#### E

#### Maintaining Records

Producers requesting payment under WAMLAP shall maintain records for a period of 3 years after the date of the payment to document that eligibility requirements were met.

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**CCC-1155, Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program Payment Application**

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**Completing CCC-1155**

Complete CCC-1155 according to this table, if the producer is **requesting WAMLAP in person** at the County Office.

All producers who share in the production must be added together on one CCC-1155.

Item	Instructions
1	Enter the applicable State code.
2	Enter the applicable county code.
3	ENTER "1999" for the marketing year.
4	Enter the application number assigned by APSS <b>after</b> CCC-1155 has been recorded in APSS.
5	Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the contact producer.
6	Enter the name and address of the applicable County Office.
7	Check the applicable box in response to the question, "Was all of the wool or mohair shorn during 1999?"
8	Check the applicable box in response to the question, "Was the wool or mohair shorn in the United States?"
9	Check the applicable box in response to the question, "Did you own the livestock for 30 days or more in the United States prior to shearing the sheep or goats?"
10	Check the applicable box in response to the question, "Was all of the wool or mohair shorn from live animals in the United States and not pulled wool or mohair or grease wool or mohair shorn from hides or pelts?"
11	Check the applicable box in response to the question, "Are you still in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products?"
12	Check the applicable box in response to the question, "Do you understand that FSA will perform random spot checks and request documentation?"
13	Enter the pounds of shorn wool produced during the 1999 marketing year.
14	Enter the pounds of shorn mohair produced during the 1999 marketing year.
15-18	After reading the certification statement in Part C, all producers must sign, provide ID number, date, and indicate share, as applicable.
19	COC shall approve or disapprove CCC-1155.  <b>Note:</b> Do not approve CCC-1155 if "No" is entered in items 7 through 12.
20	COC or designee shall sign, provide title, and date.  <b>Note:</b> Provide a copy of CCC-1155 to the contact producer.
21	Record all spot-check verifications and all pertinent information in relation to the spot check performed.

**CCC-1155, Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program Payment Application (Continued)**

**B**  
**Example of**  
**CCC-1155**

This is an example of CCC-1155.

**REPRODUCE LOCALLY. Include form number and date on all reproductions.**

<b>CCC-1155</b> U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency  <b>WOOL AND MOHAIR MARKET LOSS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAYMENT APPLICATION</b>  <small>NOTE: The authority for collecting the following information is Pub. L. 106-224. This authority allows for the collection of information without prior OMB approval mandated by the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995.</small>	1. State Code	2. County Code
	51	179
	3. Marketing Year	4. Application Number
	1999	560

The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy and Paperwork Reduction Acts, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is the Agricultural Risk Protection Act, (Public Law 106-224). The information will be used to determine eligibility for program benefits. Furnishing this requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility. This information may be provided to other agencies, IRS, Department of Justice, or other State and Federal Law enforcement agencies, and in response to a court magistrate or administrative tribunal. All information provided herein is subject to verification by the Commodity Credit Corporation. As provided in various statutes, failure to provide true and correct information may result in civil suit or criminal prosecution and the assessment of penalties or pursuit of other remedies.

5. Contact Producer Name and Address (Including ZIP Code) Harry Kid 526 South Street Stafford VA 22555  Telephone No. (540) 999-4145	6. Name and Address of County FSA Office (Including ZIP Code) Stafford County FSA Office 125 Carter Street Stafford VA 22555
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**PART A - WOOL OR MOHAIR ELIGIBILITY ( Use Separate Application for each)**

	YES	NO
7. Was all of the wool or mohair shorn during 1999?	X	
8. Was the wool or mohair shorn in the United States?	X	
9. Did you own the livestock for 30 days or more in the United States prior to shearing the sheep or goats?	X	
10. Was all of the wool or mohair shorn from live animals in the United States and not pulled wool or mohair or grease wool or mohair shorn from hides or pelts?	X	
11. Are you still in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products?	X	
12. Do you understand that FSA will perform random spot checks and request documentation?	X	

**PART B - CALCULATION OF SHORN WOOL OR SHORN MOHAIR**

Type	Pounds		Rate		Payment
13. Shorn Wool	432	X	\$0.20	= \$	86.40
14. Shorn Mohair	562	X	\$0.40	= \$	224.00

**PART C - PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all the information entered on this application is true and correct and all persons involved have submitted the accurate poundage of shorn wool or shorn mohair for the 1999 marketing year. To ensure that all program eligibility requirements are met, I understand that I may be selected for a spot check. If I am selected for a spot check, I may be required to provide any information that may be required to determine program eligibility. Providing a false certification to the government is punishable by imprisonment, fines and other penalties. All information provided herein is subject to verification by the Farm Service Agency. The provision of criminal and civil fraud statutes that apply to this certification, includes 18 USC: 286, 297, 371, 641, 651, 1091 and 1014; USC: 714m; and 31 USC: 3729.

15. Producer's Signature	16. Producer's ID Number	17. Date	18. Share

**PART E - COC DETERMINATION**

19.  Approved  Disapproved

20. Signature of COC or Designee /s/ James Hill	Title County Executive	Date 09/25/XX
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