

For: State and County Offices

**Year 2 Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP)
Processing and Software Adjustments**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

During Year 2 of LMAAP, sheep and lamb producers meeting eligibility requirements according to 7 CFR Part 784, could apply for the following benefits:

- slaughter lamb payments
- feeder lamb payments.

The marketing period for Year 2 of LMAAP began on August 1, 2000, and ended on July 31, 2001. Completed applications for Year 2 benefits must be received by the County Office by COB August 15, 2001, however, the Automated Price Support System (APSS) currently does not allow for processing Year 2 applications after July 31, 2001.

APSS is currently being modified to allow for the entry of Year 2 applications until COB August 24, 2001, and will be broadcast to County Offices.

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Purpose

This notice provides instructions for:

- closing out Year 2 of LMAAP
- canceling payments issued in the incorrect program year
- processing LMAAP Year 3 payments.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>December 1, 2001</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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2 Year 2 Close-Out

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**Software
Modification**

APSS will be modified to allow for Year 2 applications to be entered and processed in the County Office System 36.

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**Application
Deadline**

To be considered eligible for LMAAP Year 2 payments, all applications that are requested in person, by mail, telephone, FAX, or downloaded from the Internet, must have been completed correctly, signed, and returned to the applicable County Office by **COB August 15, 2001**, according to 10-LD.

No LMAAP applications for Year 2 benefits for feeder and slaughter lambs marketed during August 1, 2000, through July 31, 2001, may be approved by the County Office if received by the County Office after August 15.

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**Processing
Deadline**

The County Office deadline for completing the processing of Year 2 LMAAP applications is **COB August 24, 2001**.

After this date, no LMAAP applications for Year 2 benefits for feeder and slaughter lambs marketed during August 1, 2000, through July 31, 2001, may be recorded in APSS.

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**Applications
Processed
Incorrectly**

Before the software was modified, some Year 2 payments may have been inadvertently processed as Year 3 payments in APSS. Any Year 2 "2001" payment that was processed as a Year 3 "2002" payment must be cancelled and re-entered according to subparagraph 2 E.

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Canceling and Re-Entering LMAAP

Application Data

If a program Year 2 "2001" LMAAP application for feeder lamb and slaughter lamb payment was processed as a Year 3 "2002" payment:

- cancel the Year 3 LMAAP payable according to 10-LD, paragraph 143 to establish a receivable
- the payable cancellation will automatically set a receivable flag in NAM
- re-enter application data as a Year 2 LMAAP to repay receivable and issue additional payment:
 - for feeder lambs according to 10-LD, paragraph 141
 - for slaughter lambs according to 10-LD, paragraph 142
 - to CCC to offset the receivable established.

Warning: Complete this process before running any other program batch process and, if applicable, immediately remove receivable flag according to 67-FI, subparagraph 44 B after process is completed.

3 LMAAP Year 3 Payment

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LMAAP Year 3 Signup

LMAAP Year 3 began on August 1, 2001, and ends on July 31, 2002, for feeder and slaughter lambs that:

- are marketed during this period
- meet the eligibility requirements according to the regulations at 7 CFR Part 784.8.

Applications for LMAAP Year 3 must be filed by COB August 15, 2002.

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Authorization Date

The authorization date to begin issuing LMAAP Year 3 payments is August 27, 2001. County Offices shall not process any Year 3 applications in APSS before the authorized date.

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4 Action

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County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- not approve LMAAP Year 2 applications submitted after the application deadline according to subparagraph 2 B
 - not enter LMAAP Year 2 applications in APSS after the processing deadline according to subparagraph 2 C
 - cancel and re-enter all Year 2 payments that were incorrectly processed as Year 3 payments according to subparagraph 2 E
 - begin accepting FSA-383's for program Year 3 according to subparagraph 3 A
 - not process LMAAP Year 3 payments until the authorized date according to subparagraph 3 B.
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