

For: State and County Offices

Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP) Year 4

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

LMAAP for Year 4 is the period from August 1, 2002, through July 31, 2003. During Year 4 LMAAP, sheep and lamb producers meeting eligibility requirements according to 7 CFR Part 784 may apply for the following benefits, according to 10-LD:

- feeder lamb payment
- slaughter lamb payment
- ewe lamb incentive payment.

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Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of the following:

- compliance with HELC/WC provisions during Year 4
- forthcoming 10-LD, Amendment 8
- closing out Year 3 of LMAAP
- authorization to begin issuing Year 4 payments.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2003	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Year 3 Close Out

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Year 3 Application Deadline

To be considered eligible for LMAAP Year 3 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, 2002**, according to 10-LD.

No LMAAP applications for Year 3 benefits for feeder and slaughter lambs marketed or ewe lambs purchased or retained during August 1, 2001, through July 31, 2002, may be approved by the County Office after August 15, 2002.

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Processing Deadline

The County Office deadline for completing processing of Year 3 LMAAP applications is **COB August 30, 2002**.

After this date, no LMAAP applications for Year 3 benefits for feeder and slaughter lambs marketed or ewe lambs purchased or retained during August 1, 2001, through July 31, 2002, may be recorded in APSS.

3 LMAAP Year 4 Provisions

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HELWC/WC Provisions

During program Years 1 through 3, HELC/WC provisions did not apply to LMAAP. It has since been determined that LMAAP benefits are subject to compliance with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation rules. Therefore, beginning with Year 4, to be eligible for LMAAP benefits sheep and lamb producers must certify on AD-1026 that they are in compliance with HELC/WC provisions if they plan to receive Year 4 LMAAP benefits. Producer certification must be made according to 6-CP.

The forthcoming 10-LD, Amendment 8 revises the policy for HELC/WC provisions.

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Year 4 Authorization

LMAAP Year 4 began on August 1, 2002, and ends on July 31, 2003. County Offices shall begin accepting FSA-383's for LMAAP Year 4 payments. The authorization date to begin entering and issuing LMAAP Year 4 payments is **September 3, 2002**. County Offices shall not process any Year 4 applications in APSS before the authorized date.

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3 LMAAP Year 4 Provisions (Continued)

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Year 4 Application Deadline

To be considered eligible for LMAAP Year 4 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, 2003**, according to 10-LD.

No LMAAP applications for Year 4 benefits for feeder and slaughter lambs marketed or ewe lambs purchased or retained for breeding purposes during August 1, 2002, through July 31, 2003, may be approved by the County Office if received by the County Office after August 15, 2003.

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Action

State and County Offices shall:

- not approve LMAAP Year 3 applications submitted after the application deadline according to subparagraph 2 A
 - not enter LMAAP Year 3 applications in APSS after the processing deadline according to subparagraph 2 B
 - inform all sheep and lamb producers that plan to participate in LMAAP of HELC/WC requirements according to 6-CP
 - begin accepting FSA-383's for Year 4 payments according to subparagraph B
 - not process LMAAP Year 4 payments until the authorized date according to subparagraph B.
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