

For: State and County Offices

**APSS Modifications to Resume Issuing Real-Time Payments Under the
Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP)**

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1 Overview

A Background

Notice LD-539 informed State and County Offices that the LMAAP software for payment processing and issuing Year 4 payments in real-time would be temporarily inhibited as of June 6, 2003, until further notice. LMAAP payment processing in APSS and related transactions were temporarily suspended to:

- determine the remaining funds available for the program
- prorate payments by a National factor to reduce the expected payments to be made to the amount of funds available, if necessary.

Since inhibiting the software, additional funds have been made available under Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended to fully fund the remainder of Year 4 of LMAAP so that payments do not have to be prorated.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that the payment processing options in APSS for issuing Year 4 feeder, slaughter, and ewe lamb payments will be reactivated in APSS through a broadcast transmission to resume Year 4 payment processing and issuing payments in real-time.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2004	State Offices, State Offices relay to County Offices

Notice LD-542

2 **Reactivating LMAAP in APSS**

A Activation Date

Real-time Year 4 payments and related transactions will be reactivated in APSS on **September 29, 2003**. County Offices are authorized to resume issuing Year 4 LMAAP payments when the payment options have been reactivated in APSS.

An information bulletin will be issued with the broadcast that reactivates this software function.

B Funds Control

Payments issued during Year 4 of LMAAP will be monitored weekly by FMD and PSD to ensure that funding levels are not exceeded. In the event that LMAAP Year 4 expenditures arrive at the funds control ceiling established by PSD before the processing deadline provided in subparagraph C, State and County Offices will be notified that:

- payment processing and issuing Year 4 payments in real-time will again be suspended
- authorization codes will have to be provided from PSD to the County Office for further payment processing and issuance of Year 4 payments.

Note: Further information will be provided if this option becomes necessary.

C Processing Deadline

The County Office deadline for completing the processing of Year 4 LMAAP applications in APSS is **COB November 7, 2003**.

After this date, and subject to the availability of funds, no LMAAP applications for Year 4 benefits may be recorded in APSS without an authorization code issued by PSD.