

For: State and County Offices

End of Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Payment Program (ELRRPP) Signup

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1 ELRRPP Signup Information

A Background

ELRRPP was authorized by clause (3) of Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, as amended. The Secretary authorized up to \$18 million in assistance to encourage the replacement and retention of ewe lamb breeding stock during the 1-year period beginning August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2004.

Signup for ELRRPP began on October 25, 2004. A proposed rule with request for comments was published in the Federal Register (FR) on September 7, 2004. The final rule was published in FR on December 23, 2004. Program payments will be issued after all of the following take place:

- signup deadline
- FSA-384's are entered in eEwe web application software
- national payment rate has been factored
- release of eEwe web payment software
- authorization provided by DAFP.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices with the signup deadline for ELRRPP.

Disposal Date	Distribution
June 1, 2005	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C ELRRPP Signup Deadline

The deadline to submit applications under ELRRPP is January 13, 2005. To be considered eligible for ELRRPP benefits, all FSA-384's that are requested in person, by mail, telephone, FAX, or downloaded from the Internet, must be completed correctly, signed, and returned to the applicable County Office by COB January 13, 2005.

County Offices shall publicize the ELRRPP signup deadline. There are no provisions for late-filed applications. Applications received or requested after the signup deadline will not be approved.

D ELRRPP Web Software

eEwe web application software instructions for recording ELRRPP application data from FSA-384 was provided in Notice PS-499.

E Data Entry Deadline

The County Office deadline for entering ELRRPP application data from FSA-384 into the eEwe application software is COB January 21, 2005.