

For: FSA Offices

**Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program Application Processing Status**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The MILC program ended on September 30, 2005, as provided by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Although a program extension is anticipated, as of the issuance date of this notice, legislation to extend the program beyond the established deadline has **not** been received.

Notice LD-558 provided MILC program closeout procedures. County Offices were instructed to:

- not approve applications received after COB September 30, 2005
- accept production evidence until COB November 1, 2005
- complete the processing of MILC applications by COB November 30, 2005.

Although the MILC program has ended, the data must still be transferred off of the System 36 to the eMILC mainframe in KCAO. Once it has been determined that all MILC payment processing has been completed, KCAO will begin an upload of all non-beta counties from System 36 to the eMILC production database. Once the upload has been completed, MILC applications can no longer be processed using the System 36. Therefore, it is **imperative** that all MILC application payment processing be completed as soon as possible.

**B Purpose**

This notice:

- requires State and County Offices to report on the status of MILC applications in need of payment processing
- informs State and County Offices that the MILC payment processing function will soon be inhibited for:
  - APSS System 36 users
  - eMILC beta-site users.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2006	All FSA Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices.

## 2 MILC Payment Processing Status Reports

### A Payment Processing Complete

County Offices shall provide a status report to their respective State Office indicating if all MILC applications for payment have been processed through APSS or eMILC and payment completed. If all MILC payments have not been completely processed, then see subparagraph B.

**Note:** Negative reports are required.

### B Unprocessed MILC Applications

If all MILC payments have not been completely processed, then County Offices shall provide a status report to their respective State Office indicating the total number of MILC applications:

- approved that need to be paid
- pending that need approval.

**Note:** County Offices shall also provide an estimate of the number of business days necessary to complete the payment process for all unprocessed MILC applications.

### C Status Report Compilation

After receiving status reports in from the County Offices, State Offices shall:

- compile a report that indicates:
  - if all MILC applications have been completely processed
  - the total number of approved MILC applications that need to be paid
  - the total number of pending MILC applications that need approval
  - the estimated number of business days needed to complete processing of MILC applications.
- email the compiled status report to each of the National Office contacts listed in subparagraph E.

**Note:** Negative reports are required.

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**2 MILC Payment Processing Status Reports (Continued)**

**D Status Report Deadline**

County Offices shall provide reports to State Offices as soon as possible. State Offices shall submit compiled status reports to the National Office by **COB January 13, 2006**.

**E National Office Contact Information**

The National Office contacts are as follows.

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