

For: State and County Offices

Issuing 2015 ELAP Payments

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 2014 authorizes up to \$20 million in a FY for ELAP to provide emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish that have losses because of disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, as determined by the Secretary.

Notice LDAP-79 instructed County Offices, by no later than, COB March 4, 2016, to record 2015 ELAP payment data, from the approved 2015 ELAP Gross Payments Report located on the ELAP Payment Calculation Worksheets main Menu of the ELAP InfoPath database, in the web-based payment system according to 1-LDAP (Rev. 1), Part 11.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that:

- 2015 ELAP national reserve has been set at \$2 million
- a national payment factor of 0.6458714 will be applied to 2015 ELAP payments
- 2016 sequestration rate of 6.8 percent will be applied to 2015 ELAP payments
- the web-based payment system will automatically initiate 2015 ELAP payments on the evening of April 14, 2016
- 2015 ELAP allotments will be provided to each County Office through the funds control process.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2016	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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A National Payment Factor

After reviewing the payment data provided in the web-based payment system, the National Office has determined that 2015 ELAP payments exceed the \$20 million authorized for 2015 ELAP losses. As a result, the 2015 ELAP national payment factor is **0.6458714**.

Notes: The national payment factor was determined based on the establishment of a \$2 million national reserve for FY 2015.

If an application currently in appeal status is approved for payment, see subparagraph D to request additional 2015 ELAP funding and to receive payment authorization from the National Office.

B Automated Payment Process

The web-based payment system will automatically run 2015 ELAP payments on the evening of April 14, 2016. 1-LDAP (Rev. 1), Part 11, provides the general payment provisions for web-based ELAP payments.

Important: The State and County Offices do not have to initiate these payments.

C E Funds

Allotments will be provided to each County office through the funds control process. Specific allotments have been determined based on the national payment factor provided in subparagraph 2 A by administrative State and county. Funds for 2015 ELAP will be allocated to program code “**Disaster Assistance Program, Emerg Assist, Lvstk Program**” (2833), and this is how the program code will appear on the eFunds web page.

State Offices will have “read-only” access to eFunds allocations to County Offices.

Note: See subparagraph D if additional eFunds are required.

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D Request for Additional E Funds

If additional 2015 ELAP eFunds are needed, County Offices shall contact the appropriate State Office specialist. State Offices shall contact the National Office to request additional eFund allotments by sending an email to **all** of the following:

- amy.mitchell1@wdc.usda.gov
- tina.nemec@wdc.usda.gov
- lenior.simmons@wdc.usda.gov

The following documentation must be included in the email when State Offices request additional 2015 ELAP eFund allotments:

- reason for and the amount of the request for additional eFunds
- approved or revised 2015 ELAP application, as applicable
- new or revised Automated Payment Calculation Worksheet from the Microsoft InfoPath Database

Note: Before submitting requests for additional eFunds to the National Office, State Offices must ensure that County Offices have loaded newly approved applications, or revised previously submitted applications, for which additional eFunds are requested, in the Microsoft InfoPath Database.

The National Office will notify State Offices when the request for additional 2015 ELAP funding is approved.

Important: State and County Offices shall **not** enter 2015 payment data into the web-based payment system before receiving payment authorization approval from the National Office.

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- ensure that County Offices are aware of this notice
- request additional funding according to subparagraph 2D.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall ensure payments are processed according to subparagraph 2B.