

For: State and County Offices

End of Apple Market Loss Assistance Payment (AMLAP-II) Program Sign-Up

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 AMLAP-II Sign-up Information

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Background

Section 741 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (the 2002 Act), provides the nation's apple growers with economic assistance for market losses. The 2002 Act authorized an appropriation of up to \$75 million of CCC funds for direct payments to apple producers.

Sign-up for AMLAP-II began on April 29, 2002. A proposed rule with request for comments was published in the Federal Register (FR) on July 19, 2002. The final rule was published in the FR on September 12, 2002. Program payments will be issued **after** all of the following:

- sign-up deadline
- data upload is completed
- upon establishing a national payment factor
- download of the national factored payment rate.

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Purpose

This notice provides the sign-up deadline for AMLAP-II.

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

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AMLAP-II Deadline

The deadline for applications under AMLAP-II is **September 26, 2002**. County Offices shall publicize the AMLAP-II deadline. There are no provisions for late-filed applications.

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Data Entry and Upload

The County Office deadline for entering AMLAP-II applications in APSS is **COB September 30, 2002**. After that date, national data will be uploaded to the Kansas City mainframe for calculating a factored payment rate.

Note: All transmissions must be received by the mainframe before the factored-rate can be calculated, and then supplied by download to County Offices.

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AMLAP-III Update

Section 10105 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-424), provides for another payment program for the producers of the 2000 crop of apples. Producers may receive up to \$94 million total of CCC funds for direct cash payments to provide relief for loss of markets for apples.

Regulations for AMLAP-III are being developed and sign-up dates have not yet been determined. A future notice about AMLAP-III will provide:

- policy and procedure on implementing AMLAP-III
 - the sign-up dates for AMLAP-III.
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