

For: Peanut State and County Offices

**Extending Final Deadline for 2003 Crop Year Peanut  
Marketing Assistance Loans and LDP's**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Final Date to Apply for 2003 Crop Peanut Marketing Assistance Loans and LDP's**

**A Background**

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 provides that 2002 through 2007 crop year peanut marketing assistance loans and LDP's be made available to eligible producers who produce and harvest peanuts.

Because of the recent inclement weather conditions across the U.S. and the intermittent closures of State and County Offices, FSA has been faced with many challenges in processing 2003 peanut marketing assistance loan and LDP activities.

To provide producers with the greatest flexibility to fully use the peanut marketing assistance loan and LDP programs, FSA will accept peanut loan and LDP requests through **COB February 13, 2004.**

**B Purpose**

This notice informs State and County Offices of the extended final loan availability date for 2003 crop year only for peanut marketing assistance loans and LDP's.

**C Canceling LDP Requests**

Basic LDP's requested on CCC-633 LDP **cannot** be canceled at any time. Once the producer signs CCC-633 LDP, LDP is obligated to be paid by CCC to the producer.

**D Final Loan Availability Date**

For the 2003 crop year only, the final loan availability date for producers to request 2003 crop peanut marketing assistance loans and LDP's has been extended from **February 2, 2004, to February 13, 2004.**

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