

For: State and County Offices

**New Eligible 5 Gallon Plastic Container
for Honey Nonrecourse Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL)**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 authorized the 2002 through 2007 Crop Year Honey Nonrecourse MAL Program. An eligibility requirement for producers requesting a honey MAL is that the honey must be packed in a CCC-approved eligible container.

2-LP Honey provides policy and procedures for administering the Honey MAL Program.

An amendment to the honey MAL federal regulation at 7 CFR Part 1434 provides that honey packed in 5 gallon plastic containers is eligible for a honey MAL. The amendment to 7 CFR Part 1434 was filed with the Office of Federal Register on August 24, 2004.

A forthcoming amendment to 2-LP Honey will also include the new 5 gallon plastic container requirements.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices with:

- general information about the new 5 gallon plastic container requirements
- an authorization date to approve honey MAL requests when honey is stored in eligible 5 gallon plastic containers.

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

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2 General Information

A 5 Gallon Plastic Container Requirements

Eligible producers storing honey in a 5 gallon plastic container are eligible for MAL. The 5 gallon plastic container must meet the following conditions.

Container	Requirement	Eligibility
5 gallon plastic container	Shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• hold approximately 60 pounds of honey• be equipped with a cover providing a tight seal• have handles strong enough to permit carrying• be lined with a new 5 gallon plastic pail liner with FDA-approved low-density polyethylene.	Meets eligibility requirements if all conditions are met.

B Authorization Date

The authorization date to begin accepting honey MAL requests when honey is packed in an eligible 5 gallon plastic container is August 24, 2004.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall instruct County Offices to notify all producers immediately of the contents of this notice using all available resources.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall notify honey producers immediately of the contents of this notice using all available resources.