

For: State Offices

**Survey of States on How They Currently Pay for
Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) and Sugar Loan UCC-1 Filing Fees and Lien Searches**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 State Office Survey

A Background

According to OMB Circular A-123 findings and corrective action recommendations, FMD is developing a process to centralize all payments through the Department of Treasury, including System 36 initiated payments, and eliminating CCC-184 stock from all offices. Payment centralization is anticipated to be completed in June 2008. FMD will provide additional information for unused CCC-184 disposition by an FI notice when centralization is nearing completion.

Note: When centralization is complete, CCC-184's will **no** longer be available in County Offices to pay for commodity loan UCC-1 filing fees and lien searches.

MAL's and sugar loans require:

- UCC-1's to be filed on farm-stored collateral for loans
- lien searches to be conducted on most applicants **before** loan disbursement.

The methods used to pay for UCC-1 filings fees and lien searches are based on arrangements that State and/or County Offices have made with the Secretary of State, and if applicable, a lien search contractor.

B Purpose

This notice provides a survey (Exhibit 1) for State Offices to complete on the method currently used to pay for UCC-1 filing fees and lien searches.

PSD **must** obtain information as to how UCC-1 filing fees and lien searches are currently paid by State and County Offices to assist in developing alternative methods for payment for these required services in a timely manner.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2008	State Offices

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C Contact

If there are questions about this notice, State Specialists shall contact the appropriate office as follows.

Issue	Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payment Centralization• Eliminating CCC-184 Stock• Establishing UCC-1 Prepaid Accounts With Secretary of State	Debbie Simmons, FMD, by either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail to debbie.simmons@wdc.usda.gov• telephone at 703-305-1309.
MAL and Sugar Loan Program Survey	Kelly Hereth, PSD, by either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e-mail to kelly.hereth@wdc.usda.gov• telephone at 202-720-0448.

D State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- complete the information requested in Exhibit 1 by contacting County Offices, if necessary
- submit one Exhibit 1 per State
- e-mail Exhibit 1 to Kelly Hereth, PSD by Wednesday, **February 20, 2008**, to **kelly.hereth@wdc.usda.gov**.

Notes: Negative reports are **required**.

Separate reports are requested for FSFL UCC-1 filing fees, lien searches, and credit reports according to Notice FSFL-44, Exhibit 1.

MAL and Sugar Loan Program Survey

State Offices **must** complete and e-mail 1 survey per State to PSD by Wednesday, **February 20, 2008**, to **kelly.hereth@wdc.usda.gov**.

State: _____

Date Submitted: _____

MAL and Sugar Loans UCC-1 Filing Fees

Note: Negative reports are **required**.

How does your State currently pay for UCC-1 filings and continuations?

Check box next to the appropriate answer or explain in detail another method in "Other".

For each UCC-1, as filed, with CCC-184 from the County Office.	
For each UCC-1, as filed, with an electronic funds transfer (EFT) from the County Office.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
Prepaid account with the County Office using CCC-184.	
Prepaid account with the County Office using EFT.	
Prepaid account with the State Office using CCC-184.	
Prepaid account with the State Office using EFT.	
Is the billing for the payment of UCC-1 filing fees for MAL and sugar loans combined with the billing of UCC-1 filing fees for other programs, and if so, which programs?	
Other:	

MAL and Sugar Loans Lien Search Requests

Note: Negative reports are **required**.

How does your State currently pay for lien searches?

Check box next to the appropriate answer or explain in detail another method in "Other".

For each lien search, as requested, with CCC-184 from the County Office.	
For each lien search, as requested, with EFT from the County Office.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
County Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by CCC-184.	
State Office is billed monthly and pays by EFT.	
Prepaid account with the County Office using CCC-184.	
Prepaid account with the County Office using EFT.	
Prepaid account with the State Office using CCC-184.	
Prepaid account with the State Office using EFT.	
Is the billing for the payment of lien search requests for MAL and sugar loans combined with the billing of lien search requests for other programs, and if so, which programs?	
Other:	