

For: State and County Offices and CMA's

Expiration of May 23, 2008, Authority for 2008 Crop Year Wool, Mohair, Unshorn Pelt, and Honey Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL's) and LDP's

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The President signed several short-term extension bills that continued certain 2002 farm bill provisions that would have expired on September 30, 2007. Therefore, the short-term extension bills authorized the continuance of the MAL and LDP program for 2008 crop of wool, mohair, unshorn pelts, and honey through May 23, 2008. National LP notices were issued to inform State and County Offices of each of the 2008 crop short-term extensions for wool, mohair, unshorn pelts, and honey through May 23, 2008.

The 2008 Farm Bill was enacted into law on May 22, 2008. However, the regulations at 7 CFR Part 1421 must be amended to reflect the authority for the 2008 crop. The National Office is working expeditiously to publish a Final Rule implementing these changes. Once the Final Rule is effective, State and County Offices will be authorized to immediately begin to accept and act upon 2008 crop MAL and LDP requests for all eligible loan commodities.

B Purpose

This notice provides a reminder that 2008 crop short-term extensions for wool, mohair, unshorn pelts, and honey MAL's and LDP's have expired, and State and County Offices **shall not** accept:

- 2008 crop wool, mohair, unshorn pelt, and honey MAL and LDP requests after May 23, 2008
- any other 2008 crop MAL or LDP applications until the effective date of regulations for these programs.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>November 1, 2008</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and FAX to CMA's</p>
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1 Overview (Continued)

C Contact

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2 Expiration of 2008 Crop Wool, Mohair, Unshorn Pelt, and Honey MAL and LDP Program

A Deadline to Accept 2008 Crop Wool, Mohair, Unshorn Pelt, and Honey MAL and LDP Requests

The deadline for the 2008 crop wool, mohair, unshorn pelt, and honey MAL and LDP program was May 23, 2008. County Offices **shall not** accept 2008 crop wool, mohair, unshorn pelt, and honey MAL and LDP requests post-dated and/or FAX date-stamped with a date after May 23, 2008.

When a 2008 crop wool, mohair, unshorn pelt, or honey MAL and LDP request is received with a post-date and/or FAX date-stamp with a date after May 23, 2008, County Offices shall notify producers of their ineligibility using the denial letter in 8-LP, paragraph 309 for LDP's and subparagraph 402 B for MAL's.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices are aware of the contents in this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices **shall not** accept:

- MAL and LDP requests for 2008 crop wool, mohair, unshorn pelt, and honey after May 23, 2008
- any other 2008 crop MAL or LDP applications until the effective date of regulations for these programs.