

For: State and County Offices

Providing Assistance to Other Agencies for MIDAS-Related Issues

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1 Overview

A Background

This notice provides instructions for identifying replication issues and providing assistance to NRCS, RMA/Approved Insurance Providers (AIP's), and others that use FSA's farm records data for program determinations.

These replication issues may be causing delays in completing program signup for the affected farms.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices about:

- reports that identify farms that have not replicated from MIDAS to the Farm Records System (FRS)
- instructions for evaluating replication issues
- interim procedures for providing information.

2 Reports

A Overview

The following reports are available for County Offices to use when remediating erroneous records in MIDAS according to instructions in this notice:

- In-Creation Status
- Active Producers in Farm Records With Missing Legacy Links
- Failed Farms - Acreage Related Discrepancies
- Farms With Incorrect CRP Cropland or MPL Acres

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2 Reports (Continued)

A Overview (Continued)

- Out-of-Balance Tracts
- Cropland Mismatch
- Tracts With HEL Determinations Not Consistent With Field NHEL Status
- Tracts With HEL Determinations Not Consistent With Field HEL Status.

B Accessing the Reports

State and County Office employees can access the reports listed in subparagraph A on the PECD, Common Provisions Branch web site at <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/ffas/farmbill/ccc/>.

Note: The reports are listed under the “Farm Records” Section.

C Using Reports to Determine Required Actions

Use the reports listed in subparagraph A to identify the issues causing farms to fail to replicate from MIDAS to FRS. Follow the data remediation instructions in Notices MIDAS-10, MIDAS-11, MIDAS-12, or future MIDAS notices, if issued, to ensure farm replication to FRS.

NRCS or RMA/AIP replication issues that cannot be corrected according to Notices MIDAS-10, MIDAS-11, MIDAS-12, or future MIDAS notices shall be elevated according to the following:

- report the issue through HyperCare

Note: Skip this step if the issue has already been reported through HyperCare.

- provide the HyperCare incident number to the State Office
- State Office shall provide the HyperCare incident number to either of the following:
 - Rick Blackwood at rick.blackwood@wdc.usda.gov
 - Alison Groenwoldt at alison.groenwoldt@wdc.usda.gov.

Note: Issues reported according to Information Bulletin No. 6533 do **not** need to be elevated again.

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3 Interim Procedures for Providing Information to NRCS and RMA

A Overview

If NRCS or RMA report a problem associated with a replication issue and the problem cannot be resolved by following Notices MIDAS-10, MIDAS-11, MIDAS-12, or future MIDAS notices according to subparagraph 2 C, County Offices must provide NRCS and/or RMA with information they need for producers to complete program signup.

B Providing Information to NRCS

If NRCS reports a problem caused by a replication issue to a County Office that cannot be resolved according to subparagraph 2 C, County Offices shall take the following action:

- provide FSA-156EZ to NRCS

Note: Only provide FSA-156EZ if the farm record is correct in MIDAS.

- notify NRCS that the replication issue has been elevated.

C Providing Information to RMA

If RMA reports a problem caused by a replication issue to a County Office that cannot be resolved according to subparagraph 2 C, County Offices shall take the following action:

- provide FSA-156EZ to RMA

Note: Only provide FSA-156EZ if the farm record is correct in MIDAS.

- CED shall provide a written statement indicating the records cannot be updated because of MIDAS-related issues, the producer timely requested the records be updated, and the producer has provided the information needed to update the records.

Note: The statement shall include the following information:

- State and county
- farm number, if known
- crop year
- operator
- farmland
- cropland
- tract numbers, if known
- owners
- other producers
- tract farmland
- tract cropland
- HEL violations
- WC violations.

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4 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- ensure that County Offices are notified of the contents of this notice
- ensure that County Offices complete data remediation according to Notices MIDAS-10, MIDAS-11, MIDAS-12, or future MIDAS notices
- ensure that County Offices elevate issues to PECD according to this notice
- ensure that County Offices provide the interim information to other Agencies to mitigate the MIDAS replication issues
- direct questions to Rick Blackwood by either of the following:
 - e-mail at **rick.blackwood@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-720-5422.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall review the reports listed in subparagraph 2 A and take the appropriate corrective action based on instructions in Notices MIDAS-10, MIDAS-11, MIDAS-12, or future MIDAS notices. County Offices shall contact their State Office specialists for further assistance.

County Offices are encouraged to complete the actions in this notice as soon as possible to ensure that the affected farms are available for program signup.