

For: State and County Offices

FY 2000 PFC Payment Processing

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 provides producers eligible to receive FY 2000 and future year PFC payments with the option of receiving:

- two 50 percent payments
- one 100 percent payment.

Producers may elect to receive PFC payments during any month of the FY. However, all FY 2000 PFC payments must be issued before October 1, 2000.

Software has been modified to accommodate the provisions of the Act for FY 2000 and future years.

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Purpose

This notice:

- advises State and County Offices of the software modifications that have been implemented to accommodate the provisions of the Act
- notifies County Offices of the FY 2000 PFC payment software release schedule.

<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>April 1, 2000</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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2 PFC Software Modifications

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Producer Payment Selection

A producer payment selection file has been added to 2000 PFC Worksheet software. For FY 2000, producers have the option of requesting one 100 percent or two 50 percent PFC payments, payable anytime between October 25, 1999, and September 30, 2000. The producer payment selection file shall be used to enter the month and year each producer has requested to receive their PFC payment. This file will aid the payment processing system in determining when producers should be paid. In addition, 8 Producer Payment Selection Reports have been added to the 2000 PFC Worksheet Reports Menu to be used as tools in determining what each producer has requested.

1-PF, paragraphs 549 through 551, provided procedure for accessing and using the producer payment selection file and reports.

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Changes to Regular and Special Payment Processing

To accommodate the requirements of the Act, PFC regular payment process has been modified to read the producer payment selection file to determine:

- whether the producer has elected to receive a PFC payment
- which payment option has been selected if the producer has notified the County Office of a preferred payment option
- the percentage of the payment that should be issued.

Notes: For FY 2000 and future years, the PFC payment process no longer reads the "Payment Indicator" field in the worksheet share process to determine whether a payment should be issued.

Special payment processing is not being enabled for FY 2000.

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Payment Eligibility Rules

Final payment eligibility rules will be used for all FY 2000 PFC payments regardless of which payment percentage option the producer chooses. See 2-PF, subparagraph 16 C, for a complete description of the eligible and ineligible flag values.

Note: The prepayment register has not been scheduled for release in FY 2000 at this time and is dependent on resource availability. In lieu of the prepayment register, County Offices shall process payments in the normal manner and use the nonpayment register to identify producers that cannot be paid because of eligibility conditions.

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Nonpayment Register

The nonpayment register is not designed to identify producers that cannot be paid for either of the following reasons:

- CCC-478 is not approved for payment
- producer has not elected to receive a PFC payment.

County Offices shall use the following reports to identify producers with either of these conditions.

- CCC-478/CCC-478B Status Report to identify farms that are not approved for payment. See 1-PF, paragraph 667, for additional information on the CCC-478 Status Report.
 - The "All Producers Without a Month and Year Designation" report for all producers that have not elected to receive a PFC payment. See 1-PF, paragraph 691, for additional information on the Producer Payment Selection Reports.
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PFC Software Release Schedule

The FY 2000 PFC software will be released in phases. This table includes the release schedule for each process.

Note: The release dates included in this table are projected and may vary because of resource availability.

Process	Scheduled County Release No.	Projected Arrival Date
CCC-478 Worksheet and Status Report	417	October 1, 1999
Producer Payment Selection Option and Reports		
PFC Regular Payment Process	417-5	October 5, 1999
PFC Payment Cancellation Process		
Producer Payment History Print Process		
PFC Overpayment Process		To be scheduled
Succession-in-Interest Process		To be scheduled
Prepayment Register Process		To be scheduled

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3 County Office Action

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County Releases County Offices shall install all software releases immediately upon receipt.

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Crop Data Table County Offices shall ensure that the crop data table:

- has been received according to Information Bulletin No. 1749
 - data has been verified **before** issuing FY 2000 PFC payments.
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Issuing FY 2000 PFC Payments County Offices shall make every attempt to issue PFC payments in the month requested by the producer, after all of the following have occurred.

- Producer specifies the month the FY 2000 PFC payment should be issued.
- Producer specifies the percentage, either 50 or 100 percent, of the FY 2000 PFC payment requested.
- All program provisions have been met according to 1-PF and COC has approved CCC-478.

Reminder: PFC payments can be processed:

- by farm
 - by producer
 - for a range of farms
 - randomly, by selected farms
 - for all farms.
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4 Production Flexibility Program Crop Table Report MAA232-R001

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**Printing Report
MAA232-R001**

Follow the steps in this table to print Report MAA232-R001.

Step	Menu or Screen	Action
1	FAX250	ENTER "3" or "4", "Application Processing", and PRESS "Enter".
2	FAX09002	Enter the appropriate county, if applicable, and PRESS "Enter".
3	FAX07001	ENTER "9", "Common Provisions", and PRESS "Enter".
4	MA0000	ENTER "1", "County Office Table Files Maintenance", and PRESS "Enter".
5	MA000	ENTER "7", "Print Crop Table for Program Crops", and PRESS "Enter".
6	MA00	ENTER "2", "Production Flexibility Program Crop Table", and PRESS "Enter".
7	MADPRT01	Enter Printer ID, and PRESS "Enter".
8	MAA23301	Do either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enter a specific crop year• ENTER "All".

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Example of
Report
MAA232-R001**

The following is an example of Report MAA232-R001. The data on this report was downloaded or entered by the County Office.

VIRGINIA	USDA-FSA	Prepared: 09-09-1998
PRINCE EDWARD	Production Flexibility Program Crop Table	
Report ID: MAA232-R001	2000	Page: 01
WHEAT	0011	
SL PFC PAYMENT RATE	0.58800000	MLA Payment Rate 9.99999999
Beginning PFC Payment Date	10/25/1999	Beginning MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
Ending PFC Payment Date	09/30/2000	Ending MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
CORN	0041	
SL PFC PAYMENT RATE	0.33400000	MLA Payment Rate 9.99999999
Beginning PFC Payment Date	10/25/1999	Beginning MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
Ending PFC Payment Date	09/30/2000	Ending MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
GRAIN SORGHUM	0051	
SL PFC PAYMENT RATE	0.40000000	MLA Payment Rate 9.99999999
Beginning PFC Payment Date	10/25/1999	Beginning MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
Ending PFC Payment Date	09/30/2000	Ending MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
OATS	0016	
SL PFC PAYMENT RATE	0.02800000	MLA Payment Rate 9.99999999
Beginning PFC Payment Date	10/25/1999	Beginning MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
Ending PFC Payment Date	09/30/2000	Ending MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
BARLEY	0091	
SL PFC PAYMENT RATE	0.25100000	MLA Payment Rate 9.99999999
Beginning PFC Payment Date	10/25/1999	Beginning MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
Ending PFC Payment Date	09/30/2000	Ending MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
RICE	0018	
SL PFC PAYMENT RATE	0.02600000	MLA Payment Rate 9.99999999
Beginning PFC Payment Date	10/25/1999	Beginning MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
Ending PFC Payment Date	09/30/2000	Ending MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
UPLAND COTTON	0021	
SL PFC PAYMENT RATE	0.07330000	MLA Payment Rate 9.99999999
Beginning PFC Payment Date	10/25/1999	Beginning MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
Ending PFC Payment Date	09/30/2000	Ending MLA Payment Date 00/00/0000
	Reviewers_____	
	Date _____	