

For: State and County Offices

**FY 2000 Market Loss Assistance (MLA) Payments**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A**

**Background**

On June 20, 2000, the President signed the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000. The Act provides that:

- MLA payments shall be issued to producers on a farm that are eligible for a final payment for FY 2000 under PFC for the farm under the Agricultural Marketing Transition Act
- the same contract payment rates shall be used as were used under Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, Section 802 (b)
- payments shall be issued not earlier than September 1, 2000, and not later than September 30, 2000.

**B**

**Purpose**

This notice provides:

- general payment information
- instructions for handling MLA assignments and joint payments.

**C**

**Obsolete Notice**

Notice PF-139 is obsolete.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
January 1, 2001	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

## Notice PF-140

### 2 General Provisions for MLA Payments

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#### A Payment Information

FY 2000 MLA payments shall be:

- issued to producers who were eligible for FY 2000 final PFC payments

**Note:** No further action is required by eligible producers before issuance of MLA payments.

- proportionate to the amount of the PFC payments received for FY 2000, but based on FY 1999 MLA payment rates
- issued not earlier than September 1, 2000, and not later than September 30, 2000.

**Notes:** No authority was given to issue MLA payments after September 30, 2000. Therefore, County Offices must have final PFC payment information correct in the system for PFC and MLA payments to be issued timely. County Offices will be locked out of the MLA regular payment on process October 1, 2000.

State and County Offices will be required to request authorization codes for any MLA payment not issued by September 30, 2000.

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#### B Assignments and Joint Payment Records

The 2000 MLA payments are assignable and jointly payable. If a producer elects to assign this payment or make this payment jointly payable, County Offices shall:

- accept CCC-36 or CCC-37, as applicable, according to 63-FI
- establish the assignment or joint payment in the Assignment and Joint Payment System according to 63-FI.

**Note:** The FY 2000 payments are considered a new program and are **not** subject to PFC assignments already on file. State and County Offices shall ensure that only those CCC-36's and CCC-37's for MLA payments filed **on or after** June 20, 2000, which is the date the FY 2000 MLA payments were authorized, are honored. Assignments filed before that date are not acceptable for FY 2000 MLA payments.

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