

For: State and County Offices

Closeout of FY 2000 Market Loss Assistance (MLA) Payments

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) provided 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.

2-PF, Part 7 provides instructions to State and County Offices to submit cases to the National Office for producers that did not receive FY 2000 MLA payments timely for cases involving:

- bankruptcy, disputed shares, appeals
- misaction/misinformation on the part of County Office employees
- requests for relief.

There is no funding available for FY 2000 MLA payments after September 30, 2001. This is a statutory provision of the ARPA legislation that authorized FY 2000 MLA payments.

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<p>Disposal Date</p> <p>October 1, 2001</p>	<p>Distribution</p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices</p>
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Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices:

- that **ALL** FY 2000 MLA payments shall be issued to eligible producers by September 30, 2001
 - of the status of requests that have been submitted to the National Office
 - of the action that shall be taken to ensure that all FY 2000 MLA payments are issued to eligible producers.
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2 Status of FY 2000 Requests for Authorization Codes

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Requests for Relief and Misaction/Misinformation Cases

PECD is in the process of reviewing and expediting responses on all cases involving requests for meritorious relief and misaction/misinformation. If DAFP grants relief, the case file will be forwarded to PECD, CPB for issuance of authorization codes.

If the documentation requirements in 2-PF, Part 7 have been met, authorization codes will be issued in the order the cases are received in PECD, CPB.

If the documentation requirements in 2-PF, Part 7 have not been met, the State Office will be notified by FAX of the additional documentation needed before authorization codes can be issued.

All authorization codes must be issued in order to issue payments by September 30, 2001.

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Cases Other Than Request for Relief and Misaction/Misinformation

PECD, CPB has processed all requests for authorization codes that have been received to date.

In some cases, requests were denied pending submission of additional information. PECD, CPB has sent a memorandum to each State Office identifying cases where issuance of authorization codes was denied pending submission of additional documentation.

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall **immediately** take the following action.

- Review all requests for authorization codes for completeness before forwarding the case to the National Office. After verifying that the case meets the criteria for being submitted to the National Office for consideration according to 1-PF and 2-PF, and that **all** required documentation has been provided, submit the case file to:
 - DAFP for cases involving requests for meritorious relief and misaction/misinformation
 - PECD, CPB for cases involving situations other than requests for meritorious relief and misaction/misinformation.
- Review cases submitted to the National Office that have not received a response. For cases involving:
 - requests for meritorious relief and misaction/misinformation, FAX a list of outstanding cases to PECD, EPPB at 202-690-3610
 - situations other than requests for meritorious relief and misaction/misinformation, FAX a list of outstanding cases to PECD, CPB at 202-720-0051.
- FAX a list of cases to PECD, CPB at 202-720-0051 in which DAFP has granted relief, but a response has not been received from PECD, CPB about the issuance of authorization codes.
- Forward CCC-479, CCC-479A, and CCC-479B to County Offices immediately after they are received from the National Office.

Do not forward cases unless there are highly meritorious circumstances or there was misaction or misinformation by the County Office.

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County Office Action

County Offices shall **immediately** take the following action.

- After verifying that the case meets the criteria for being submitted to the National Office for consideration according to 1-PF and 2-PF, submit cases requiring authorization codes to the State Office according to 2-PF, Part 7

Note: All documentation in 2-PF, Part 7 shall be submitted before the case can be thoroughly reviewed. Failure to submit the required documentation will result in the request for authorization codes being denied until all documentation has been submitted.

- Issue authorized payments as soon as the authorization codes are provided by the State Office.

Do not forward cases unless there are highly meritorious circumstances or there was misaction or misinformation by the County Office.
