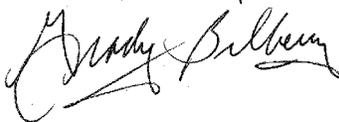


For: State and County Offices

**Closeout of Oilseeds Program (OP) Payments**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A**

**Background**

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) provided that:

- OP payments shall be issued to producers who planted or shared in the production of an eligible oilseed in crop year 2000
- payments must be issued no later than September 30, 2001.

Accordingly, County Offices will be restricted access to the 2000 OP automated payment process after September 30, 2001. Access will also be restricted to the 1999 OP automated payment process after September 30, 2001.

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

**B**

**Purpose**

This notice advises State and County Offices:

- that **all** OP payments shall be issued to eligible producers by September 30, 2001
- to submit a list of outstanding OP requests for relief, misaction/misinformation, and authorization codes that have been submitted to the National Office
- of the action that shall be taken to ensure that all OP payments are issued to eligible producers.

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

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### 2 Status of OP Requests for Authorization Codes

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#### A

#### Requests for Relief and Misaction/Misinformation

PECD is in the process of reviewing and expediting responses on all OP requests for relief and misaction/misinformation. If DAFP grants relief, authorization codes will be FAXed to the State Office.

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#### B

#### Authorization Codes

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

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### 3 Action

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#### A

#### State Office Action

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

- forward OP requests for relief and misaction/misinformation to DAFP
  - forward requests for OP authorization codes to PECD, EPPB according to 1-PF, paragraph 1354
  - review OP cases submitted to the National Office for relief, misaction/misinformation, or authorization codes and FAX a list of outstanding cases to PECD, EPPB at 202-690-3610.
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#### B

#### County Office Action

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

- forward all cases involving requests for relief, misaction/misinformation, or authorization codes to the State Office
  - issue authorized payments as soon as the authorization codes are provided by the State Office.
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