

For: State and County Offices

Closeout of FY 2000 and 2001 Market Loss Assistance (MLA)

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1 Overview

A Background

Software was included in:

- County Release No. 501 that disabled the FY 1998 and FY 1999 MLA payment and overpayment processes
- County Release No. 521 that disabled all PFC application options and most PFC payment and overpayment options.

FY 2000 and FY 2001 MLA payment and overpayment software has not been disabled.

B Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices that:

- FY 2000 and FY 2001 MLA payment and overpayment processes **will be permanently disabled** when County Release No. 540 is installed
- any outstanding payments and overpayments shall be processed before County Release No. 540 is installed
- any outstanding FY 2000 and FY 2001 MLA payments shall be submitted to the National Office for authorization codes after County Release No. 540 is installed
- overpayments not transferred to Common Receivable System (CRS) before County Release No. 540 is installed shall be manually established using program code "XXMLACOMM".

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
January 1, 2005 5-28-04	State Offices; State Offices relay to Service Centers

## Notice PF-203

### 2 Closing Out FY 2000 and FY 2001 MLA Options

#### A Reason for Closeout

MLA payment and overpayment processes use supporting files to determine if a producer has been underpaid or overpaid. These files include:

- farm and tract maintenance files
- PFC worksheet and share files
- subsidiary files, such as:
  - payment limitation file
  - eligibility file
  - joint operation, entity, and combined entity files.

With the exception of the eligibility file data, the subsidiary files and the farm and tract maintenance files are only enabled for the most current 3 years. All PFC application options were disabled in October 2003. As a result:

- most outstanding MLA payments cannot be processed through the regular payment process because the supporting files cannot be updated
- producers may be listed on overpayment registers that are not actually overpaid and the condition causing the overpayment to be listed cannot be corrected because the supporting files cannot be updated.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- issue any outstanding FY 2000 and FY 2001 MLA payments to eligible producers before County Release No. 540 is installed, if possible
- compute and transfer FY 2000 and FY 2001 MLA overpayments for all farms to ensure that all **legitimate** debts are transferred to CRS

**Note:** After installing County Release No. 540, County Offices shall manually establish receivables for newly identified FY 2000 and FY 2001 MLA overpayments using program code "XXMLACOMM" according to 67-FI.

- cancel any FY 2000 and FY 2001 MLA receivable that is not a legitimate debt to CCC according to 2-PF, paragraph 229, before County Release No. 540 is installed
- submit requests for authorization codes, through the State Office, using CCC-479B according to 2-PF, paragraph 205.

**Note:** Although CCC-479B is specifically applicable to FY 2000, CCC-479B shall also be used for outstanding FY 2001 authorization code requests.