

For: State and County Offices

**New 2002 Crop Disaster Program (CDP), Sugar Beet Disaster Program (SDP),
and Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) Payment Limitation Allocations**

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1 Overview

A Background

The Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 (the Act) was signed into law on February 20, 2003. The Act provides for CDP for losses because of weather-related disasters to agricultural commodities. The Act also authorizes LAP and SDP.

New payment limitation fields have been established for these programs. CDP and SDP payments are limited to \$80,000 per “person”. LAP payments are limited to \$40,000 per “person”.

B Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices that:

- an edit will be performed by KC-ITSDO on or about June 17, 2003, to establish the new payment limitation allocation fields for CDP, SDP, and LAP
- the payment limitation allocation fields for these 3 new programs are “CDP”, “SDP”, and “LAP”, which are located under the Payment Limitation File Update Screen for disaster programs
- software will be included in County Release No. 514 containing 2002 payment limitations for these 3 new programs that provide control County Offices with the capability to update payment limitation allocation amounts for “CDP”, “SDP”, and “LAP”, which are located under the Payment Limitation File Update Screen for disaster programs
- County Offices may want to suspend updates to existing payment limitation allocations until after **June 18, 2003**.

Disposal Date	Distribution
November 1, 2003	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 File Edits and Software Changes

A Software Modifications Establishing the CDP, SDP, and LAP Allocations

The following software modifications will be sent in County Release No. 514. This software:

- creates 3 new fields in the payment limitation file with maximum allocations of:
 - \$80,000 for CDP and SDP
 - \$40,000 for LAP
- distributes the initial allocation equally among all counties for the producer, except CMA counties
- will establish these payment limitation allocations for 2002 FY only

Note: A 2001 file will **not** be developed.

- modifies MABDIG reports to include these 3 new payment limitation fields.

B Overwritten Records

County Offices may want to suspend all payment limitation allocations from the date of this notice until **June 18, 2003**. When the new payment limitation amounts are downloaded to the County Offices, any updates to all existing payment limitation amounts within the last few days may be overwritten. As a result, County Offices will be required to re-enter the overwritten data.

C Handling CDP, SDP, and LAP Allocations After the Edit

After the initial edit, the rules for allocating these 3 new programs will be the same as any other payment limitation. When a new producer becomes multi-county or combined for the first time, the mainframe will divide the allocation equally among all County Offices. Then the control County Office will have authority to access and adjust the allocation as necessary.