

For: State Offices

Nationwide Deployment of Web-Based Eligibility System

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1 Overview

A Background

On December 30, 2004, the process was initiated to download migrated eligibility data to all County Offices. The migrated data was available in most County Offices on January 3, 2005.

Beta testing on the new web-based application started on January 3, 2005. County Offices not included in the beta test:

- continue to have access to the System/36 eligibility software
- have been instructed to update eligibility data in the normal manner.

B Purpose

This notice advises:

- State and County Offices that the new web-based eligibility system will be deployed nationwide on January 10, 2005
- that County Office access to update data in the System/36 eligibility software will be disabled when the web-based application is deployed
- that recording County Offices shall take the required action to update all eligibility data that may have changed improperly during the migration process
- State and County Offices of some conditions that have been identified that caused eligibility data to change during the migration process.

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2 Web-Based Application and Data Migration Issues

A Nationwide Deployment of the Eligibility Web-Based Application

On January 10, 2005, the new web-based eligibility application will be deployed nationwide. An information bulletin will be released that advises County Offices of the switch to the new application along with the URL to access the web-based application.

Once the new web-based application is available, County Offices will be locked out of the option to update eligibility data on the System/36. Options will remain enabled to:

- view eligibility data downloaded to the System/36 through the web process
- print a MABDIG for the producer.

B County Office and Recording County Office Action

Once deployed, the established recording County Office is responsible for updating producer eligibility records. If the eligibility data that resulted from the migration process is incorrect, then recording County Offices shall update the producer's eligibility information through the web-based application based on the determinations that have been made for the producer.

Note: See 3-PL for additional information on updating eligibility information through the web-based application.

County Offices are in the process of issuing advance 2005 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) direct payments and running overpayment processes for 2004 and prior years. The 2005 DCP direct nonpayment register and the applicable overpayment registers can be used to identify situations where a producer's eligibility information may have changed through the migration process.

County Offices shall:

- ensure that conditions causing a producer to be erroneously listed on a nonpayment or overpayment register are corrected
- provide applicable information to the recording County Office to ensure that the eligibility information is updated.

Note: County Offices shall continue to use CCC-738 and CCC-739 for communicating requested subsidiary updates.

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2 Web-Based Application and Data Migration Issues (Continued)

C Migration Issues

Eligibility information was migrated from the mainframe data on October 29, 2004. Subsequent System/36 updates to eligibility, Service Center Information Management System (SCIMS), and farm records were stored on the mainframe so they could be processed to the web-based application after the migrated data was downloaded to County Offices.

Migrated data was downloaded to all County Offices on January 3, 2005. All backlogged eligibility, SCIMS, and farm records updates that occurred after October 29, 2004, have been processed to the web-based application and downloaded to each affected County Office's System/36. As a result, the eligibility data that is now available is production data and will not change because of additional processing.

Several situations have been identified that caused eligibility data to change from eligible values to ineligible values during the migration process. This table identifies the problems reported and the reason the data was changed during the migration process.

Reported Problem	Reason for Change
<p>Actively engaged, person, and AGI values have changed to ineligible values for single-county producers.</p>	<p>With the implementation of the web-based application, producers who were previously single-county producers are now multi-county producers based on the links to County Offices in SCIMS. If a producer is linked to more than 1 County Office, for whatever reason, then the producer is effectively a multi-county producer. The recording County Office was established based on the SCIMS links if the producer did not previously have a control county.</p> <p>Therefore, in situations where a producer did not have a control county and was linked to more than 1 County Office in SCIMS, the ZIP Code process was used to establish the recording County Office. In some cases, the recording County Office may have changed from the county that originally had an eligibility record to a county that only had a SCIMS link.</p> <p>In these cases, the actively engaged, person, and AGI values changed to ineligible values because these values were based on the recording County Office's data and that data did not exist because the producer did not have an eligibility record in that county. The following are valid reasons this situation may be occurring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • producers were linked to a County Office for farm loan purposes only • producer is active on a farm in 1 county, but only active as a member of an entity in another county • producers were not unlinked from SCIMS as required in 1-CM. <p>In many cases, the recording County Office was invalidly set to a County Office where a producer is no longer active. This condition was caused because the producer continues to be linked to that County Office in SCIMS. If the producer is no longer active in the county for any reason, County Offices shall ensure that the producer is unlinked from their county in SCIMS. This will reset the recording County Office to another County Office with a SCIMS link to the producer if the unlinked County Office is the current recording County Office.</p> <p>Note: See 1-CM, paragraph 195 for additional information on unlinking SCIMS customers.</p>
<p>Some or all eligibility values changed from eligible to ineligible values.</p>	<p>In some cases, eligibility records that were properly deleted on the System/36 were not deleted on the mainframe or the System/36 records for other County Offices. These "bad deletes" may not have presented a problem in the past, but since data was migrated from the mainframe, that data was used during the migration process.</p>