

For: State and County Offices

New Payment Limitation (PLM) Allocations For Supplemental Hurricane Disaster Programs

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1 Overview

A Background

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery 2006 (Pub. L. 109-234), signed June 15, 2006, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide \$95 million in assistance to producers who suffered losses because of 2005 Hurricanes Katrina, Ophelia, Rita, and Wilma.

The following disaster programs are being implemented:

- Livestock Indemnity Program II (LIP II) – Owner
- LIP II – Contract
- Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)
- Citrus Program
- Nursery Program
- Fruit and Vegetable Program.

Note: Procedure for disaster programs is in 4-DAP and 5-DAP.

As a result, 3 new payment allocation fields have been established for the supplemental hurricane disaster programs, as follows:

- LIP II (Owner and Contract)
- LCP
- Citrus, Nursery and Fruit and Vegetable (CNFV).

Notes: A “person” is subject to an \$80,000 PLM for each of 3 payment allocation fields.

Even though the programs will be implemented in a specific number of counties, this notice applies to **all** County Offices.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2007	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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B Purpose

This notice advises all State and County Offices that:

- County Release No. 606 includes an edit that will establish 3 new \$80,000 payment allocation fields needed for the supplemental hurricane disaster programs
- the new PLM allocations for the hurricane disaster programs will be referred to as LIP II, LCP, and CNFV
- software will be included in County Release No. 606 that will provide the PLM control County Offices the capability to update the PLM allocation field amounts for LIP II, LCP, and CNFV
- PLM download will occur on or about the week of February 12, 2007, to distribute the initial allocation of \$80,000 equally among the eligible disaster counties.
- there will be **no** PLM for TAP.

2 File Edits and Software Changes

A Software Modifications Establishing the Fields

The following software modifications will be included in County Release No. 606:

- 3 new PLM allocation fields will be created in PLM file with a maximum allocation of \$80,000 per person, per program
- an edit will initialize the new PLM allocation fields to zero

Note: Control County Offices **shall not** update new PLM allocation fields until **after** the download occurs on or about the week of February 12, 2007, (see subparagraph B).

- PLM allocation fields will be added to the **2006 PLM**
- 2006 MABDIG report will be modified to include the 3 new PLM allocation fields.

B PLM Download

PLM download will occur on or about the week of February 12, 2007, to distribute the initial allocation of \$80,000 equally among eligible producers in disaster counties. After the download, control County Offices will have the capability to adjust allocations between a producer's eligible disaster counties as necessary. Control County Offices **shall not** update the new PLM allocation fields until **after** the download occurs on or about the week of February 12, 2007.

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C Overwritten Records

When LIP II, LCP, and CNFV amounts are downloaded to counties, any updates may be overwritten to all existing PLM amounts (such as conservation, DCP, and price support) in all counties within the last few days before the download.

Note: As a result, County Offices may be required to re-enter the overwritten data.

D Handling Allocations after the Edit

After the initial edit, when a new producer becomes multi-county or combined for the 1st time, AS 400/System 36 will divide the allocation equally among all of the producer's counties, **not** just the producer's eligible disaster counties. The control County Office will have authority to access and adjust allocations as necessary between the producer's eligible disaster counties.

Note: The control County Office may **not** be an eligible disaster county; however, the control County Office **will** be responsible for adjusting allocations between producer's counties.

Once an eligible disaster County Office realizes that a producer will be a multi-county producer and will be involved in LIP II, LCP, and/or CNFV, that County Office should contact the control County Office according to 2-PL to begin the process of having an amount allocated to their county.

2-PL, paragraph 160 states that it takes approximately 2 weeks from the time PLM activity is generated in 1 county for another county to receive the downloaded PLM records generated from this activity.

E PLM Changes

The week of February 12, 2007, a PLM download will occur that will distribute \$80,000 equally between all eligible disaster counties for a multi-county producer. After the download is made, it is possible that a producer could become active in a new county that was **not** available in the software when PLM was downloaded. Since this new county was **not** loaded in the multi-county software during the initial allocation of PLM, the new county will **not** be allocated any PLM unless there is unallocated PLM available. If there is unallocated PLM available, then PLM will be divided equally among all new counties loaded into the multi-county set.

F Contact

The following table provides contacts if there are questions about this notice.

IF located in a...	THEN contact...
County Office	State Office.
State Office	Brent Orr, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">e-mail at brent.orr@wdc.usda.govtelephone at 202-720-0809.