

**For:** State and County Offices

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**Additional Information About the Web-Based Combined Software**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Notice PL-159 informed State and County Offices:

- of the process to end the data load of the Web-based combined software
- that multi-county combined producers would have payment limitation allocations reset.

**B Purpose**

This notice:

- redefines the conditions where a combined multi-county producer had his/her payment limitation reset
- identifies a potential problem with the permitted entity file as a result of the combined producer edit completed on June 28, 2007.

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<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
February 1, 2008 8-2-07	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Multi-County Combined Producer Payment Limitation Allocation

#### A Inaccurate Information in Notice PL-159

Notice PL-159 informed State and County Offices that during start-of-day on July 2, 2007, County Offices were to receive a download of new payment limitation amounts for **all** multi-county combined producers.

This information was not correct.

#### B Actual Producers That Had Allocations Changed

Payment limitation allocations were changed for producers involved in a combination if either of the following situations occurred:

- a member of a combination was added to a county because the member was involved in a combination and that member had never been associated with that county before
- members of a combination are now multi-county and the only reason they are multi-county is because they are combined.

### 3 Updates to the Permitted Entity File

#### A Background of How the Combined Edit Affected the Permitted Entity File

A function of the combined edit was that all "C" values in the permitted entity file were removed for all combined producers that were data loaded. These values were removed because all data loaded combined producers would be treated as "new" combined producers when sent to the System 36, thus updating the permitted entity file with a "C."

The following 2 conditions may exist. If a combination containing a producer(s) that was loaded in the permitted entity file before the edit and that producer:

- was not data loaded in the Web-Based Combined Software, then that producer that is in the permitted entity file will have a "blank" value in the "permitted entity" field
- has an embedded entity, then the embedded entity members may have a "blank" value in the "permitted entity" field.

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#### B Correcting Combined Producer Permitted Entity Files

To correct the permitted entity file, the County Office should follow the instructions in this table.

<b>IF the combination has...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>
not been loaded	load the combination in the Web-Based Combined Software according to 3-PL, Part 5.
been loaded	do either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• delete and reload the permitted entity file for embedded entity members with “blank” permitted entity fields according to 2-PL, Part 6</li><li>• access the embedded entity through the parent entity according to 2-PL, Part 6, ENTER “U” and PRESS “ENTER” to update the embedded and then the senior entity.</li></ul>

### 4 Action

#### A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- follow this notice to correct the permitted entity file if problems exist because of the download of the combined producer data
- share this notice with NRCS as these entity issues could effect EQIP payments.

#### B State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- ensure that County Offices have read the contents of this notice and understand actions needed to update the permitted entity file
- share this notice with the NRCS State Office as these entity issues could effect EQIP payments.