

For: State and County Offices

**New Payment Limitation Amount (PLM) Allocations for 2005 Through 2007 Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), and Crop Disaster Program (CDP)**

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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007, signed into law on May 25, 2007, authorizes implementing crop loss and livestock disaster assistance for producers who suffered 2005, 2006, and part of 2007 crop or livestock losses caused by damaging weather and related conditions.

The following disaster programs are being implemented:

- LIP
- LCP
- CDP.

**Note:** See 4-DAP (Rev. 2) and a future 5-DAP revision for disaster program procedure.

As a result, 3 new PLM allocation fields have been established for the following disaster programs:

- LIP
- LCP
- CDP.

**Note:** A "person" is subject to an \$80,000 PLM for each of the 3 payment allocation fields.

**Disposal Date**

January 1, 2008

9-6-07

**Distribution**

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 1 Overview (Continued)

#### B Purpose

This notice advises all State and County Offices that:

- an edit will establish 3 new \$80,000 PLM allocation fields needed for LIP, LCP, and CDP the week of September 17, 2007
- the new PLM allocations for the disaster programs will be referred to as LIP, LCP, and CDP
- software will be included in County Release No. 624 that will provide the PLM control County Offices the capability to update the PLM allocation field amounts for LIP, LCP, and CDP
- PLM download will occur the week of September 17, 2007, to distribute the initial allocations of \$80,000, per “person”, per program equally among all counties.

### 2 File Edits and Software Changes

#### A Software Modifications Establishing the Fields

The following software modifications will be transmitted to County Offices the week of September 17, 2007, and will also be included in County Release No. 624:

- 3 new PLM allocation fields will be created in the 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 the new PLM allocation fields until after the download occurs the week of September 17, 2007. See subparagraph B.

- PLM allocation fields will be added to the 2007 PLM
- the 2007 MABDIG report will be modified to include the 3 new PLM allocation fields.

#### B PLM Download

The PLM download will occur the week of September 17, 2007, to distribute the initial allocation of \$80,000 equally among all 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 allocations fields until after the download occurs on or about the week of September 17, 2007.

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### 2 File Edits and Software Changes (Continued)

#### C Overwritten Records

When LIP, LCP, and CDP 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

If a producer becomes multi-county or combined for the first time after the initial edit, the KC mainframe will allocate 100 percent of the allocation to the producer's control County Office. The control County Office will have authority to access and adjust allocations as necessary between the producer's eligible counties.

If a producer is already multi-county or combined and an additional county is added to the multi-county set, the KC mainframe will only allocate any available limitation to the new county. If no limitation is available, then the new county in the multi-county set will not be allocated any limitation.

**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 a County Office realizes that a producer will be a multi-county producer and will be involved in LIP, LCP, and CDP, 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. According to 2-PL, paragraph 160, 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.

### 3 Action

#### A County Office Action

County Offices shall review this notice and be prepared to make changes in the PLM sets.

#### B Contact

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

<b>IF located in a...</b>	<b>THEN contact...</b>
County Office	State Office.
State Office	Brent Orr by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• e-mail at <b>brent.orr@wdc.usda.gov</b></li><li>• telephone at 202-720-0809.</li></ul>