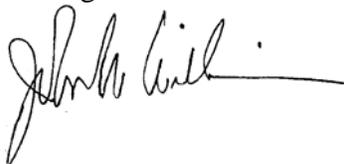


For: FFAS Employees

**Employee Personal Page (EPP) Password Required for  
Time and Attendance (T&A) Reporting Through STAR 5.0**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

STAR 5.0:

- is a web-based T&A reporting application designed, developed, and maintained by NFC
- is used to prepare, print, and transmit T&A reports to NFC for processing
- is a real-time web-based application that allows accounting information to be validated through the Management Account Structure Codes System as each line of data is entered on the T&A to help eliminate errors and avoid correcting T&A's
- allows for both timekeepers and/or the employees to enter T&A data on a daily basis throughout the pay period

**Note:** Employee entry is done through the Time Manager option of NFC's EPP.

- will be released in 2007 to Field Offices in phases. Training will be provided to each employee before they use STAR 5.0.

**B Purpose**

This notice:

- provides a brief overview of STAR 5.0
- announces that all FFAS employees will record their T&A through EPP's Time Manager, after training in 2007

**Note:** All FSA temporary intermittent employees will continue their current procedures for submitting their T&A. COC and STC T&A's will be entered by a timekeeper.

<b>Disposal Date</b>  November 1, 2007	<b>Distribution</b>  All FAS, FSA, and RMA employees; State Offices relay to County Offices
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### 1 Overview (Continued)

#### B Purpose (Continued)

- requires all employees to obtain a valid EPP password by COB **December 29, 2006**
- obsoletes Notice PM-2558.

#### C Labor-Management Obligations

Where exclusive representation exists, bargaining may be requested to the extent allowed by applicable statutes. Where contract language already addresses these policies and procedures for bargaining unit employees, contract language prevails.

#### D Contacts

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

<b>Employee Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FAS, FSA, and RMA National Office</li><li>• RMA Regional and Compliance Offices</li><li>• FAS Overseas</li><li>• FSA State Offices</li><li>• FSA Administrative Office</li></ul>	For: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAR 5.0 issues, contact either of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Linda Watkins at 202-401-0688</li><li>• Susan Brown at 202-401-0066</li></ul></li><li>• EPP password issues, contact Lisa Gressen at 202-401-0654.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kansas City FSA Complex</li><li>• RMA Kansas City Offices</li><li>• St. Louis Office</li></ul>	For STAR 5.0 or EPP password issues, contact either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patty Gepford at 816-926-6259</li><li>• Anne Wheeler at 816-926-6184.</li></ul>
County Offices	For STAR 5.0 or EPP password issues, contact State Office, Administrative Section.

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### 2 EPP

#### A Connecting to NFC's EPP

Employees can access EPP from either of the following:

- NFC's Home Page at <http://www.nfc.usda.gov>:
  - under the Application Launchpad, CLICK "My EPP"

The screenshot shows the NFC Home Page with the following content:

- Controller Operations Division**: Excellence Leaders In Financial Management. To learn more, click here.
- USDA/NFC selects Denver for new Information Technology Site location.** To view press release, click here.
- FY 2006 Assurance Statement Issued.** To view the statement, click here.
- Investing in Your Human Capital**: To find-out more about our HR offerings, click here.
- EMPOWER HR SOLUTIONS**: FROM HIRE TO RETIRE.
- For information on NFC's Continuity of Operations Plan,** click here.
- Presentations**:
  - > [2006 Pandemic/Continuity of Operations Plan Briefing](#)
  - > [STAR 5.0 Briefing](#)
- \*\* Upcoming Training Sessions \*\***
- > [September 13-14, 2006, Washington, D.C. Time Inquiry System \(TINQ\) Training](#)
- Application Launchpad**: Select an Application...
  - EPP**: Employee Personal Page
  - IBTL**: USDA Internet Billing
  - SPPS**: Special Payroll Processing System
  - STAR**: System for Time & Attendance Reporting

- at EPP warning screen, CLICK "Accept"

The screenshot shows the EPP warning screen with the following text:

Press "ENTER" key or click "ACCEPT" to continue.

\*\*\*\*\* WARNING \*\*\*\*\*

YOU HAVE CONNECTED TO A U.S. GOVERNMENT COMPUTER. IF YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED ACCESS TO THIS SYSTEM, DISCONNECT NOW.

All attempts to access and use this system and/or its resources are subject to keystroke monitoring and recording. Everyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and is advised that if such reveals possible evidence of criminal activity or abuse of access authority, the information will be reported to authorities for action. Unauthorized access attempts or use in excess of documented authority may subject you to a fine and/or imprisonment in accordance with Title 18, USC, Section 1030 or administrative penalties or dismissal.

\*\*\*\*\* WARNING \*\*\*\*\*

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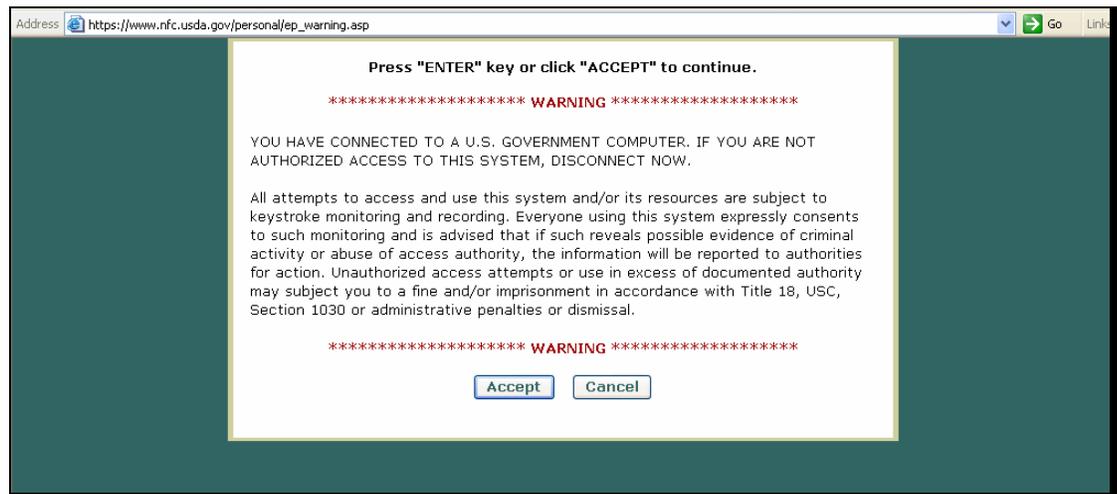
### 2 EPP (Continued)

#### A Connecting to NFC's EPP (Continued)

- HRD's Home Page at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/hrdapp?area=home&subject=landing&topic=landing>
- CLICK "Web Applications" on the information bar



- under Web Applications, CLICK "Employee Personal Page"
- at EPP warning screen, CLICK "Accept".



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### 2 EPP (Continued)

#### B EPP Passwords

The following table provides employee instructions about EPP passwords. All employees payrolled through NFC are eligible to use EPP and are issued a PIN.

IF the employee...	THEN...
is currently using EPP	continue using the current password.
has never accessed EPP	see subparagraph C.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has lost his/her password</li> <li>• has forgotten his/her password</li> </ul>	see subparagraph D.
is new	no action is required. New employees <b>automatically</b> receive a password from NFC.

**Note:** Employees:

- on their 1st EPP access **must** change the NFC-assigned password
- are encouraged to periodically change EPP password to insure confidentiality.

#### C Access Using USDA eAuthentication Credential

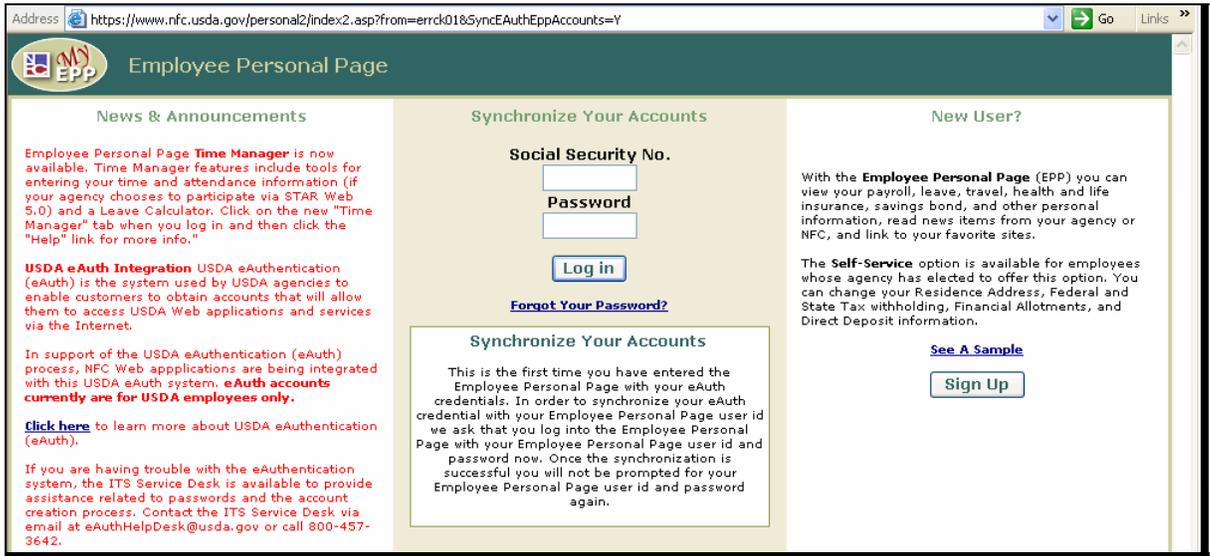
EPP has recently been modified to allow access using the employee's eAuthentication credential. Employees **must** already have a valid EPP password to synchronize passwords.

Employees who want to use their eAuthentication credential to access EPP should CLICK "eAuth Login" from the EPP Welcome Page and enter their eAuthentication ID and password.

2 EPP (Continued)

C Access Using USDA eAuthentication Credential (Continued)

To synchronize the eAuthentication credential with the employee’s EPP password, the employee will be asked to log into EPP using their EPP password. Once the synchronization is successful, the employee will **not** be prompted for their EPP password again.



D Lost or Forgotten Passwords

New passwords can be requested online. To request a new password, from the main EPP screen, user should enter their Social Security number, CLICK “Forgot Your Password?”, and click either of the following:

- “Request Password by Mail” and a new password will be mailed to the address of record

**Note:** New passwords should be received within 7 to 10 workdays. EPP **cannot** be accessed until the new password is received.

- “Request Password by E-Mail” to receive a new password by e-mail.

**Note:** To receive a new password by e-mail, a valid e-mail address **must** have been stored in EPP preferences. The new password will be e-mailed after the verification process is completed, usually by the next workday.

E Time Manager

FFAS employees will begin using STAR 5.0 Time Manager during 2007. Training will be provided to all timekeepers and employees. Instructions on using Time Manager and more information on STAR 5.0 will be issued under a future notice.