

For: State and County Offices, CMA's, and LSA's

Reminders, Questions, and Answers About Price Support Eligibility Queries

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1 Overview

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Background

PSD provided new Price Support queries for 2001 that were:

- released in County Release No. 466
- explained in Notice PS-411.

These “running account” queries provide the following information **by crop or producer ID** number:

- initial projected eligible quantity
- actual quantity processed for loan or LDP to date
- remaining projected eligible quantity.

State and County Offices have requested that PSD now also provide:

- queries that display farm numbers
- information that clarifies County Office responsibilities when using new Price Support eligibility queries.

PSD has formed a Price Support Query Task Force consisting of one DD, one PT, and four CED's who meet regularly to:

- enhance and update Price Support eligibility queries from prior years
- develop new Price Support eligibility queries for loans and LDP's.

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1 Overview (Continued)

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Purpose

PSD continues to receive questions about these queries that were developed for establishing reasonable production and producer eligibility.

This notice provides State and County Offices with additional information about Price Support eligibility queries by means of:

- questions and answers received:
 - since County Release No. 467 that included the “running account” queries
 - by the Price Support Query Task Force
 - clarification of County Office responsibilities
 - a series of questions and answers in Exhibit 1.
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2 County and State Office Responsibilities

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County Office Responsibilities

County Offices shall:

- review the questions and answers in Exhibit 1
 - refer unresolved query problems to the State Office.
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State Office Responsibilities

State Offices unable to resolve query conflicts shall contact Bruce Lake by:

- e-mail at **Bruce_Lake@wdc.fsa.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-720-9889.
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General Policy Questions and Answers

The new Price Support queries only show paid LDP's; therefore, pending applications must be manually tracked on a manual ledger of all payments. When do we use the new queries?

“Running account” queries are run *before* an LDP or loan is issued to a producer to verify eligibility. It is recommended that the query is run with the display option, and kept displayed on a split-screen or alternate session on a PC, for reference at the time LDP's or loans are processed.

Some County Offices have reported that these queries are not working. What could be the problem?

Queries should only be run from the appropriate Price Support menu. When users access the queries through Office Automation Functions, or by typing “QRY” on a command line, necessary internal functions for linking files, etc., are skipped and the queries will not be correct.

Also, because these queries have unique processes that only work from Price Support Menu PQA035, these queries *must not be modified*. If a County Office wishes to modify 1 of these queries, they must copy the query over into another library (*not* the QRPRICE2 library), before making any modifications. Modifying these queries in the QRPRICE2 library will cause errors to occur.

What do County Offices do after they enter the COC-established yield?

After COC yields are entered, the queries must be accessed through option 2 or 3 from Menu PQA035, which generates the requested printouts. *Reminder: Only enter the COC-established yield by accessing Price Support - Set Yield & Run Reports Menu PQA035, and NOT through Office Automation Functions or by typing “QRY” on a command line.*

What does it mean when we get a negative number in the last column for “Running Account of Reasonable Eligible Quantity”?

The column titled “Remaining Production Eligible Quantity” tells the user how many bushels/bales/pounds of Price Support commodities remain as expected production for a particular producer. When this amount is a negative number, this is an indicator that the County Office staff needs to look closer at the productions placed under loan/LDP by the producer, as it exceeds the expected amount.

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General Policy Questions and Answers (Continued)

Can these eligibility queries distinguish between PFC farms and non-PFC farms for eligibility?

The “running account” queries only pull information for participating AMTA farms for crops whose eligibility relies on the farm’s participating status. Cotton, rice, wheat, corn, sorghum, barley, and oats produced on farms without an approved PFC will not show up on the “running account” queries. The queries for oilseed crops do not differentiate between participating and nonparticipating farms.

Note: The queries do not deduct CMA/LSA loans or LDP’s from the balance available.

A producer with a failed corn crop replanted to soybeans did not have a projected eligible quantity for soybeans. What could be the problem?

The queries originally downloaded to County Offices did not capture data for crops with a crop status of “S” on FSA-578. This problem will be corrected in a future release.
