

For: State and County Offices

eLDP Beta Test II Enhancements

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1 Overview

A Background

The eLDP Beta Test Phase II began in August 2003. Each State currently has 1 county authorized to allow eligible customers to use the eLDP process. The eLDP process allows customers that have been granted approval from the County FSA Office to apply for LDP payments using their home computer. Eligible customers can currently request eLDP on the following commodities:

- wheat
- barley
- oats
- corn
- grain sorghum
- soybeans
- rice
- peanuts.

B Purpose

This notice informs States and Beta counties about:

- counties that have been added to the Phase II beta test
- additional crops that are eligible for eLDP
- enhancements to the:
 - customer application process
 - County Office Menu
- important information about linking customers to SCIMS.

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2 New Beta Counties

A Counties

The following counties have been added to eLDP beta test II.

State	County Name and Codes
AR	Poinsett (05-111)
CA	Butte (06-007)
IA	Buchanan (19-019)
IL	Iroquois (17-075)
LA	Acadia (22-001)
MO	Butler (29-023)
MN	Yellow Medicine (27-173)
NE	Fillmore (31-059)
SD	Lincoln (46-083)
TX	Wharton (48-481)

B Effective Date

Beginning December 8, 2003, the added counties will also have access to the eLDP process. All beta test counties are encouraged to solicit customers to participate in the eLDP process.

C Training Materials and Related Notices

Counties that have been added will be provided the training manual under separate cover. All beta counties shall also review Notice PS-478.

3 Linking Customers to SCIMS

A. Linking Process

New customers that sign up for eAuthentication to use eLDP must be linked to SCIMS after they have been approved for level 2 access. SCIMS linking is a separate process. County personnel will need to access the ID Link Manager for SCIMS (IDLMS) and link the customer. A forthcoming AO notice will address this procedure.

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4 Additional Crops and Uses

A Additional Crops

Effective December 8, 2003, the following additional crops will be eligible for eLDP's:

- dry peas
- flaxseed
- sunflower seed
- sunflower oil
- canola
- rapeseed
- safflower
- mustard
- corn silage.

B Corn Silage

Corn harvested for silage is now eligible for eLDP. Enhancements to the customer application page will allow the customer to enter the tons of silage in which eLDP is requested. The software will automatically convert the tons entered to bushels based on 8-LP's conversion factor of 7.94 bushels per ton.

5 Enhancements

A County Office Menu

The County Office Menu has been enhanced to allow authorized County Office personnel to assist a customer by accessing the application process from the County Office Menu. County Office personnel may use this option as a tutorial to familiarize the customer with the application process. In **all** cases when this option is used, the customer must be in the office for the County Office personnel to assist the customer in learning the procedure to file eLDP.

By using the new option in the County Office, the County Office personnel will also become familiar with the electronic application process and will be helpful in providing hands-on instructions to customers.

Caution: County Office personnel shall be aware that when using this option the application will be live and if submitted will trigger a payment to the customer, if all other requirements have been met.

5 Enhancements (Continued)

B Customer Application

The eLDP customer application process requires that the customer complete 6 questions that are on both the manual and the electronic version of CCC-633. With this enhancement, the answers provided by the customer from the first application filed for the crop year will default and be displayed for all subsequent applications filed by the customer. The customer will have the opportunity to change any or all of the previously entered answers or allow the defaulted answers for submission.

6 Questions or Assistance With eLDP Process

A County Office Contact

Beta site County Offices shall contact the State Office specialist for questions or assistance with:

- eLDP policy
- customer eligibility
- building a customer's profile
- application processing
- eAuthentication process.

B State Office Contacts

State Office's shall contact the following about the:

- **eLDP process:**

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- **eAuthentication process**

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