

For: State and County Offices

2005 Crop Year Price Support Eligibility Query Enhancements

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1 Overview

A Background

8-LP, subparagraph 132:

- **D requires** COC's to annually determine reasonable estimates of yields based on crop and weather conditions for the county
- **E requires** County Offices to use the automated queries provided by PSD for determining reasonable production.

Annually, PSD's Automation Branch provides updated queries for County Offices to use in determining a customer's eligibility for loans and LDP's. In addition, queries are provided that will automatically generate the required loan maturity letter. The 2005 crop year queries will be included in County Release No. 558.

B Purpose

This notice provides State and County Offices with the following:

- an overview of available 2005 crop year queries in APSS
- a spreadsheet that calculates maximum eligible pounds of wool.

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2 APSS Query Overview

A General Information

Instructions for processing the queries are described in 12-PS, Part 14. Before running the queries, County Offices shall enter the COC-established yields for each eligible loan commodity as applicable. Yields set by COC shall be entered in whole bushels, pounds (lbs.), or hundredweight (cwt.) according to 12-PS, subparagraph 1488 C.

B Overview of APSS Query Options

Following instructions in 12-PS, paragraph 1489, County Offices may select from the following queries.

Type of Query	Description
Basic	Basic eligibility queries provide reasonable production by crop based on County Office-entered COC-established yields in APSS that uses the customers total certified or measured acres. The basic queries are “static” and do not change during the year. When the query is run, the reasonable production does not change to reflect loan or LDP activity.
Running account	Running account eligibility queries provide County Offices with information by crop or producer ID number. These queries show: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• initial projected eligible crop quantity• actual crop quantity processed for loan or LDP to date• remaining projected eligible quantity. These running account queries are not static. Each time a loan or LDP is completed, the total actual quantity under loan or LDP is reduced from the projected eligible quantity the next time the query is run.
Farm-stored loans/LDP	Farm-stored loans/LDP are general information queries that provide information by producer/bin number, or by producer/commodity class and bin number under the following data heading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ID number and crop year• loan/LDP number• commodity class code• bin number• total quantity in bin• total loan LDP quantity for which a loan or LDP has already been taken.

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B Overview of APSS Query Options (Continued)

Type of Query	Description
Cotton loans/LDP	<p>Cotton general information queries provide receipt and gin tag number, gin and warehouse code, and bale weight by producer for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDP's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all bales • a specific bale receipt number, for a specific gin code • a range of bale receipt numbers, for a specific gin code • loans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bale receipt number, for a specific gin code • range of bale receipt numbers, for a specific gin code.
Commodity loan/LDP flag	<p>Commodity loan/LDP flag queries are used to assist County Offices in determining producer eligibility. The query identifies current producer flag settings in the control county, but does not prevent a loan or LDP from being made. The query identifies the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • certified cropland indicator by farm • controlled substance • AD-1026 • 6-CP • actively engaged • person determination • adjusted gross income (AGI).
Loan maturity letters	<p>Loan maturity letters shall be processed using this query. The query prints the 45 day notification letter required by 7-CN and 8-LP, notifying producers that their loan is maturing. The maturity letters may be printed for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nonrecourse farm-stored loans • nonrecourse warehouse-stored loans • recourse loans • cotton loans • sugar loans • distress loans.

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3 Wool Production Averages

A Calculating Maximum Wool

8-LP, subparagraph 1559 E **requires** that the maximum eligible quantity of wool is determined before making a marketing assistance loan (MAL) or LDP. 8-LP, Exhibit 72 provides average expected pounds of grease weight produced by breed. PSD has developed a spreadsheet that is available on the PSD web site to assist County Offices in determining maximum eligible quantities.

B Using Spreadsheet

County Offices can download the spreadsheet from the PSD web site according to instructions in this table.

Step	Action
1	Access the PSD web site from the Internet at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/ and click on "Wool and Mohair Loans/LDP Program".
2	Click on "Calculate Maximum Eligible Quantities of Wool by Breed".
3	Download the spreadsheet.
4	Using the downloaded spreadsheet, enter the producer's name, ID number, and shares.
5	Select the desired breed by using the arrow keys.
6	Select either "Ram" or "Ewe".
7	Enter the number of head that was reported sheared for each entry.
8	The calculated average will be displayed.
9	Select "Print" and file in the "MAL" or "LDP" folder.

3 Wool Production Averages (Continued)

C Example of Spreadsheet

Following is an example of the spreadsheet.

1	Producer Name		ID Number	Producer Name	ID Number	Select Crop Year	
2	Jon Doe		123-65-3028			2004	
3	Share:		100	Share:		1st or 2nd Shearing	
4	Select Breed	Select Type	Enter Number of Head	Maximum Average Grease Weight <i>(Pounds per Fleese Produced)</i>	Maximum Reasonable Quantity	Unit of Meas	1st or 2nd Shearing
5	Dorset	Ram	6	0.00	0.00	LBS	1
6	East Friesian	Ewe		6.50	65.00	LBS	National Average
7	Delaine-Merino	Ram	10				7.6 Lbs Per Head
8	Dorset	Ewe					121.60
9	No Selection Made			0.00	0.00	LBS	Calculated Average
10	American Cormo	Ram					65.00
11	No Selection Made			0.00	0.00	LBS	Print Preview
12	American Cormo	Ram					Print Worksheet
13	No Selection Made			0.00	0.00	LBS	Clear Form
14	American Cormo	Ram					
15	No Selection Made			0.00	0.00	LBS	
16	American Cormo	Ram					
17	No Selection Made			0.00	0.00	LBS	
18	American Cormo	Ram					
19	No Selection Made			0.00	0.00	LBS	
20	American Cormo	Ram					
21	No Selection Made			0.00	0.00	LBS	
22	American Cormo	Ram					
23	No Selection Made			0.00	0.00	LBS	
24	American Cormo	Ram					
25	No Selection Made			0.00	0.00	LBS	
26	American Cormo	Ram					
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4 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall encourage County Offices to use the price support queries before approving MAL's and LDP's. The price support queries serve as useful tools when determining commodity eligibility and reasonableness.

B County Office Action

County Offices anticipating price support activity for crop year 2005 shall:

- have COC's establish reasonable yields for crop year 2005 for all commodities as soon as crop conditions can be determined
- document in the COC minutes the determined yields

Note: COC shall provide brief summary on how yields were determined, i.e. weather, crop conditions, other data.

- enter the COC-established yields in APSS according to 12-PS, subparagraph 1488 C
- screen print the entered yields and have a second party review
- maintain the screen print in the 2005 price support files as proof the yields were entered.