

For: State and County Offices

**eLDP Enhancements For Entering Conversion Factors
When Processing Corn and Sorghum Silage eLDP Applications**

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1 Overview

A Background

COC's establish maximum eligible quantities in:

- bushels for corn silage
- hundredweight (cwt.) for grain sorghum silage.

County Offices complete CCC-633 EW to determine maximum eligible bushels or cwt. for silage quantities.

Customer profiles for silage quantities are established in bushels or cwt.

Until recently, silage applications were processed in tons only. The eLDP software would convert to bushels or cwt. using a standard conversion factor. System calculated bushels or cwt. would be used to calculate a payment. Since a standard conversion factor is not always used, the County Offices had to manually calculate a different tonnage quantity to agree with the assigned bushels or cwt. to be processed in the eLDP software.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of:

- software enhancements that allow silage quantities to be processed in:
 - tonnage using a conversion factor other than the standard conversion factor
 - bushels or cwt., as applicable
- instructions on processing eLDP applications for corn and grain sorghum silage quantities.

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Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C Contact

If there are questions or situations not addressed in this notice, State Offices shall contact Laura Schlote, PSD, by either of the following:

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2 Processing eLDP Applications for Corn and Grain Sorghum Silage Quantities

A Determining Conversion Factors

Before an eLDP request for silage quantities can be processed, COC's shall assign a yield in bushels or cwt. according to 8-LP, paragraph 536.

A conversion factor, other than the standard conversion factor in 8-LP, paragraph 536, is then determined by multiplying the acres times the COC-assigned yield and dividing by the total tons.

The following is an example of how a conversion factor is determined.

Example: A producer harvested 60 acres of corn silage which yielded 1,000 tons. COC assigned a yield of 100 bushels per acre for the producer's corn silage. The conversion factor would be determined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} 60 \text{ acres} \times 100 \text{ bushels/acre} &= 6000 \text{ bushels} \\ 6000 \text{ bushels} / 1,000 \text{ tons} &= 6.0 \text{ conversion factor} \end{aligned}$$

Note: A conversion factor will only be used when a producer requests eLDP benefits in tons.

B Processing eLDP Applications Requested in Tons

When processing eLDP applications requested in tons, County Offices shall:

- change the defaulted conversion factor to the calculated conversion factor, if applicable
- for "Unit of Measurement", CLICK "TONS"
- for "Quantity", enter tonnage.

Note: These are required entries.

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2 Processing eLDP Applications for Corn and Grain Sorghum Silage Quantities (Continued)

B Processing eLDP Applications Requested in Tons (Continued)

The software:

- converts the tons entered to bushels or cwt., as applicable
- displays tons **and** bushels or cwt.

Example: Using the example in subparagraph A, a producer has requested an eLDP on 500 tons of the total 1,000 tons of corn silage harvested.

When the application is processed, County Offices shall:

- change the defaulted “Conversion Factor” to “6.0”
- for “Unit of Measurement”, CLICK “TONS”
- for “Quantity”, ENTER “500”
- CLICK “Add” to process the application.

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Producer Name: STEVEN W ANDERSON State: TX
Address: 10610 N FM 1264 Zip: 79415
LUBBOCK Email Address:
462796241 Tax ID Type: S

Part B - Producer Payment Information

Crop Year: 2005
Commodity: CORN Class/Variety/Type: Silage
State/County Where Stored: TEXAS LUBBOCK
Conversion Factor : 6.0

Unit Of Measurement TONS Bushels

Quantity:
Stored Location:

Storage Details

Sel	Quantity(TONS)	Quantity(Bushels)	Stored Location
<input type="checkbox"/>	500.00	3,000.00	Home Farm

Total Net Quantity: 500.00 TONS
Total Net Quantity: 3,000.00 Bushels
LDP Rate: \$0.14
Total Disbursement Amount: \$420.00
Associated Farm Numbers: ALL

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2 Processing eLDP Applications for Corn and Grain Sorghum Silage Quantities (Continued)

C Processing eLDP Applications Using Bushels or Cwt.

When processing eLDP applications for quantities requested in bushels or cwt., County Offices shall:

- enter the quantity in bushels or cwt., as applicable
- **not** change the defaulted standard factor.

Note: The eLDP software will convert the bushels or cwt. to tons for display purposes only and the standard conversion factor is **not** used to calculate the payment. The eLDP payment is based on the bushels or cwt. as entered.

The following is an example in which 3,000 bushels were entered.

The screenshot shows the eLDP software interface. On the left is a navigation menu with links like 'Home', 'Application', 'Add Farm Stored', etc. The main area displays the following information:

Producer Name: STEVEN W ANDERSON State: TX
Address: 10610 N FM 1264 Zip: 79415
City: LUBBOCK Email Address:
Tax ID: Tax ID Type: S

Part B - Producer Payment Information
Crop Year: 2005
Commodity: CORN Class/Variety/Type: Silage
State/County Where Stored: TEXAS LUBBOCK
Conversion Factor :
Unit Of Measurement TONS Bushels
Quantity:
Stored Location: [Add] [Change] [Delete] [Clear]

Storage Details

Sel	Quantity(TONS)	Quantity(Bushels)	Stored Location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	377.83	3,000.00	Ag Bag

Total Net Quantity: 377.83 TONS
Total Net Quantity: 3,000.00 Bushels
LDP Rate: \$0.09
Total Disbursement Amount: \$270.00
Associated Farm Numbers: ALL

[Submit] [Previous] [Cancel] [Help]

Note: The conversion factor was **not** changed.