

For: State and County Offices

**APSS Modifications for Warehouse-Stored Loans and
Farm-Stored Loan Settlements for Soybeans**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Currently, APSS requires test weight to be entered for warehouse-stored loans and farm-stored settlements and applies the applicable discount based on test weight entered. Effective September 1, 2007, GIPSA changed the soybean grading standards to remove “test weight” as a grade determining factor. Based on these new standards, test weight will **not** be a determining factor for grade. 2-LP Grains and Oilseeds will be updated accordingly.

Test weight for soybeans is reported to the nearest tenth of a pound. Many soybean loans were made for the 2007 crop **before** the software was modified to not include test weight as a grading factor. Corrections to all 2007 crop warehouse-stored loans will be required if the loans were disbursed as “Sample Grade” because of test weight **only**.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of modifications to APSS loan making and settlement software to incorporate the change to the standards for soybeans to remove “test weight” as a grade determining factor

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2008	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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C Contact

For additional information or questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact Stacy Carroll, PSD, by either of the following:

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2 Modifications to APSS Loan-Making and Settlement Software

A Removing Test Weight as Grade Determination for Soybeans

APSS will be modified to **prohibit** considering the soybean test weight when determining the applicable grade for warehouse-stored loans or farm-stored settlements.

Note: All quality factor discounts will apply as applicable to test weight.

B Soybean Test Weight Validations

Modifications to APSS loan making and settlement software for soybeans will:

- **not** consider the test weight when **determining** grade
- **consider** the test weight when **determining** quality discounts.

Test weight discounts will apply when the test weight is entered in APSS and the loan rate will be adjusted, accordingly.

C Release Schedule

PSD will provide the APSS changes detailed in this notice in County Release No. **628**, to be mailed November 19, 2007.