

**For:** State and County Offices

**Validating Price Support Payment Limitation (PLM)  
Between APSS and eLDP Software**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

County Offices enter a producer’s maximum eLDP PLM when customer profiles are established.

eLDP software validates the maximum eLDP PLM against all counties in which the producer has a customer profile established; however, eLDP software did not validate applicable marketing loan gain or LDP’s (market gain) that were processed through APSS before when a customer profile was established. The lack of validations between the systems may have potentially caused a producer to have eLDP PLM allocated greater than their remaining available price support PLM.

**Note:** APSS does validate available PLM against eLDP PLM before allowing a market gain to be processed through APSS.

Because the eLDP software did not validate available price support PLM, software has been enhanced that provides an upload and download process of PLM between APSS and eLDP software.

**B Purpose**

This notice informs State and County Offices of the recent software enhancements that provide validation of price support PLM between APSS and eLDP software.

**C Contact**

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## 2 Price Support PLM

### A Regular PLM

There is a combined \$75,000 PLM for marketing loan gains eLDP's and LDP's for the following:

- barley
- corn
- cotton
- dry peas
- grain sorghum
- lentils
- minor oilseeds
- oats
- rice
- small chickpeas
- soybeans
- wheat.

### B Other PLM

There is a separate combined \$75,000 PLM for marketing loan gains eLDP's and LDP's for the following:

- honey
- mohair
- peanuts
- unshorn pelts
- wool.

## 3 Software Enhancements

### A Upload and Download of Price Support PLM

A new validation process has been developed that will upload APSS market gain information to the web-based eLDP software. The upload process will allow the eLDP profile function to include applicable crop year APSS market gain when validating the remaining available PLM to accept or assign to an eLDP profile that is being established or modified.

**Note:** APSS was not enhanced because there is already a process in place that will deny a market gain if there is not sufficient remaining available PLM after accounting for the PLM amount allocated to an eLDP profile.

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### 3 Software Enhancements (Continued)

#### B Validating Available Price Support PLM

When a customer profile is established the eLDP software will validate maximum available price support PLM.

**Note:** Validations will be calculated separately for regular and other PLM's.

### 4 Determining Available PLM for Single County Producers

#### A Available PLM

The available PLM is the difference between \$75,000 and the sum of all market gains processed from APSS and eLDP software for the applicable PLM category.

#### B Example

Producer A receives a \$10,000 market gain on a corn loan on November 5, 2007. The County Office establishes a customer profile on December 1, 2007. The eLDP software will not allow an entry greater than \$65,000 for regular PLM.

### 5 Determining Available PLM for Multi-County Producers

#### A Available PLM

The available PLM is the difference between the allocated PLM in the System/36 PLM file and the sum of all market gains processed from APSS and eLDP software for the applicable PLM category.

**Important:** eLDP software cannot read the System/36 PLM files. To enter the correct eLDP PLM in the customer profile, County Offices must run applicable queries according to 12-PS, subparagraph 1489 L **before** establishing customer profiles for multi-county producers.

#### B Example – Full PLM Allocation

Producer X's regular PLM in County A is \$50,000 and \$25,000 in County B.

Producer X receives a \$10,000 market gain on November 5, 2007 in County A. County A establishes a customer profile on November 22, 2007, after a market gain was completed on APSS. The eLDP software will not allow an amount to be entered greater than \$65,000 (\$75,000- \$10,000). The APSS queries from 12-PS indicate that Producer X's allocated regular PLM is \$50,000. County A shall **not** enter an amount greater than \$40,000 (\$50,000- \$10,000). In this example County A allocated \$40,000.

County Office B establishes a customer profile, after a customer profile was established in County A. The eLDP software will not allow an amount greater than \$25,000 because the balance left to be allocated cannot exceed \$75,000 (\$75,000- \$40,000-\$10,000).

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### 5 Determining Available PLM for Multi-County Producers (Continued)

#### C Example – Partial PLM Allocation

Producer X's regular PLM in County A is \$37,500 and \$37,500 in County B.

Producer X receives a \$10,000 market gain on November 5, 2007 in County A. County A establishes a customer profile on November 22, 2007, after a market gain was completed on APSS. The eLDP software will not allow an amount to be entered greater than \$65,000 (\$75,000- \$10,000). The APSS queries from 12-PS indicate that Producer X's allocated regular PLM for County A is \$37,500. County A shall **not** enter an amount greater than \$27,500 (\$37,500-\$10,000). In this example County A allocated \$20,000.

County Office B establishes a customer profile, after a customer profile was established in County A. The eLDP software will not allow an amount greater than \$45,000 because the balance left to be allocated cannot exceed \$75,000 (\$75,000- \$10,000-\$20,000). However, the County Office shall not enter an amount greater than \$37,500 which is the allocated regular PLM for County B.

**Note:** In this example, County A still has a balance of \$7,500 to be allocated either to APSS market gain or eLDP customer profile.

### 6 County Office Action

#### A Adjusting Customer Profiles

County Offices shall **only** adjust customer profiles when **both** the following apply:

- customer profile was established after a market gain was realized using APSS
- the eLDP allocation exceeds the sum of the market gain and the eLDP allocation.