

For: State and County Offices, CMA's, and DMA's

State Office Reporting System (SORS)

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1 Overview

A Background

SORS provides dynamic reports relating to the following FSA Price Support Programs:

- marketing assistance loan
- LDP
- farm storage facility loan.

SORS:

- has been updated with a new look and format consistent with the FSA style guidelines
- can be accessed by either of the following:
 - the general public through the Price Support Reports Home Page
 - internal Agency users through the FSA Intranet using eAuthentication.

The enhanced SORS was deployed nationwide the week of February 2, 2009. The contents of the reports are generally unchanged. However, additional options are now available to make SORS more user-friendly.

B Purpose

This notice:

- announces the deployment of the enhanced SORS
- provides general guidelines to users of the reports
- obsoletes Notice PS-640.

Note: The block number on FSA-13A to complete for SORS access has been corrected. See subparagraph 2 A.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2009	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices, CMA's, and DMA's

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2 General Information

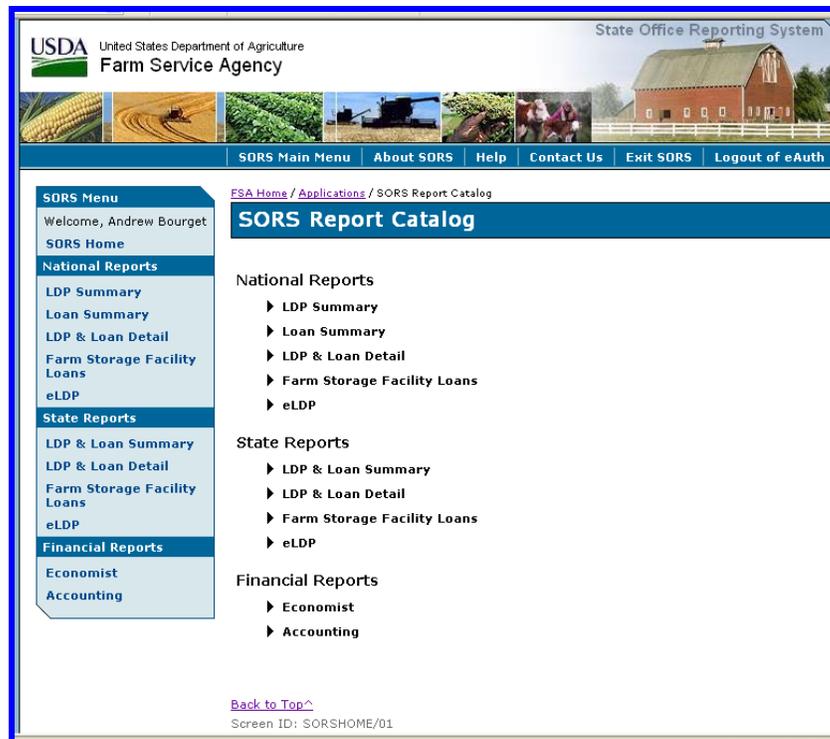
A Accessing SORS

The manner of accessing SORS by the general public remains unchanged. Users shall CLICK “Price Support Reports” on the Price Support Internet web page. SORS reports are the reports listed under “Unofficial Cumulative Price Support Loan and LDP Activity Report” and “Up to Date Summary Reports”.

FSA users can access SORS at <https://arcticocean.sc.egov.usda.gov/sors/index.jsp> using their eAuthentication ID and password. New State and National employee users must submit a completed FSA-13A referencing the EAS role, "app.fsa.sors.readonly", in block 33 to gain access to SORS.

B SORS Home Page

The SORS Home Page will be displayed when FSA users access SORS through the FSA Intranet. The SORS Report Catalog, which lists the available national, State, and financial reports, will be displayed.



Click on the report name:

- listed on the SORS Report Catalog for a list of reports on each category and the corresponding report description
- on the left sidebar to expand the report category and show the list of reports under the selected category.

3 New Features

A Help Screens

SORS has built in help screens that:

- provide users additional information about SORS
- assist users in navigating the different report options.

The help screens are grouped into the following:

- SORS Help
- Report Help
- Tool Help
- Code Help.

Note: SORS also provides drop-down boxes for users to select specific criteria for the reports.

B Data Formats

SORS reports may be displayed, printed, and downloaded in the following data formats:

- PDF
- Excel
- CSV.

Note: The data format descriptions can be found on the help screens.