

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

**Commodity Loan Making and LDP Software Shutdown Because of Sequestration Enhancements**

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



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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011 provided legislation to apply automatic spending cuts (Sequestration) to all Federal Agencies. FSA has determined that a sequestration reduction **must** be applied to all 2013 crop commodity loans and LDP's. As a result, commodity loan making software, including APSS and ACRS, and eLDP is being enhanced to reduce the gross loan principal by 5.1 percent for 2013 crop year loans and LDP's made after October 1, 2013.

**B Purpose**

This notice informs Field Offices of the shutdown of Price Support commodity loan making and LDP software to update APSS, ACRS, and eLDP, as necessary, to comply with sequestration reductions. Software will be reopened as soon as all modifications are in place, tentatively scheduled for mid-October.

**C Contact**

For questions about this notice, State Offices shall contact Shayla Watson, PSD, by either of the following:

- e-mail to **shayla.watson@wdc.usda.gov**
- telephone at 202-690-0013.

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<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2013	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices, CMA's, DMA's and LSA's

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### 2 Action

#### A County Office Action Before October 1, 2013

Before 8 p.m. e.t. on September 30, 2013, County Offices **must** ensure that all approved loans or LDP's have been entered and disbursed through APSS or eLDP, respectively.

**Important:** If a saved loan in APSS is not disbursed before 8 p.m. e.t. on September 30, 2013, the loan **must** be cancelled and reissued after software is made available in mid-October. Any loan approved after October 1, 2013, **will be** sequestered.

Correction processing for crop year 2013 loans approved and disbursed before October 1, 2013, will **not** be available until after mid-October, when loan making software is made available and **will not** be sequestered.

#### B Commodities and Systems Affected by Software Shut Down

All Price Support commodity loan making and LDP software will be shut down for the 2013 crop year. This includes **all** the following:

- ACRS for CMA and LSA cotton loan and LDP processing
- APSS for all other commodity loans, including DMA and noncotton CMA processing
- eLDP for LDP processing.

**Note:** Crop year 2012 loans for all commodities and supplemental sugar loan processing is **not** affected.

#### C Software Broadcast

On September 30, 2013, at approximately 8 p.m. e.t., a software modification will be broadcast to the field. This broadcast will block crop year 2013 loan making and eLDP processing. Repayments and other loan servicing options will still be available for crop year 2013.

An Information Bulletin will be published as a reminder of the impending shutdown. Crop year 2012 will **not** be affected and normal processing can occur.

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### 2 Action (Continued)

#### C Software Broadcast (Continued)

There is **no** required action by County Offices to install the software, **however**, County Office personnel **must** confirm that the broadcast has been received for APSS in their office. To verify the broadcast was received and updated to the library, follow the instructions provided in Information Bulletin 6673. County Offices **must** inform the appropriate State Office personnel of the status of the software broadcast as soon as possible.

If the software broadcast was not properly received County Offices must:

- **not** process any crop year 2013 loans
- submit a Remedy ticket to the National Help Desk, requesting a rebroadcast of the software, reporting the issue as a “**Work Stoppage**”
- notify the appropriate State Office personnel, as soon as possible, and provide the Remedy ticket number.

**No action** is needed to confirm the status of ACRS or eLDP software enhancements.

#### D State Office Action

State Offices must verify that the broadcast was received. The status of the broadcast for each County Office must be compiled and submitted via e-mail to Shayla Watson, PSD/PECD, at [shayla.watson@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:shayla.watson@wdc.usda.gov), as soon as possible the next business day. Ensure that any Remedy ticket numbers are included in that email as necessary.

#### E Continuation of Loanmaking and LDP Processing

Loan making and LDP software is scheduled to be reactivated in mid-October. An Information Bulletin and forthcoming PS notice will provide additional details about these modifications, including loan or LDP processing with the sequestration reduction.