

For: State and County Offices

**RMA Identified/Probable Data (Download) Deficiencies for
the 2001 and 2002 Crop Disaster Program (CDP)**

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1 Overview

A Background

4-RM, Part 5, Section 5 addresses FSA National Office and State and County Office responsibilities when RMA identifies a probable program deficiency.

5-DAP, Part 11, Section 6 addresses using CDP Reports, including CDP RMA Download Reports.

It has come to our attention that RMA has provided certain States with Reports of Probable and Determined Program Deficiencies and Policyholder Alerts which identify producers with their associated State and County locations along with coding to identify RMA areas of deficiency and/or policyholder alert concerns.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- code definitions associated with RMA Reports of Probable and Determined Program Deficiencies and Policyholder Alerts for 2001 and 2002 CDP
- guidance for State and County Office action when RMA has identified probable and/or determined concerns about producer or program deficiencies.

Note: A program deficiency is a defect in a policy or county actuarial document that results in excessive indemnities being paid to producers outside the authority of the Federal Crop Insurance Act as determined by RMA's Administrator.

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July 1, 2004	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 RMA Code Definitions

A Sections, Parts, and Codes

The wording “Sections” and “Parts” may be used interchangeably when referring to codes.

The following are definitions for codes 1, 2, and 3, used in identifying RMA deficiency and/or policyholder alert concerns. Also provided is the FSA response activity associated with each code.

- **Code 1** provides details on policies with final determinations by RMA but without corrections to the data base. There is still an opportunity for appeal and further review although RMA Compliance has determined, with some certainty, that there is a problem with the policy.

FSA shall carefully review and compare the information on these policies and compare the information on the producer. Ask producers for additional information as needed to be sure the CDP payment is correct.

- **Code 2** contains information on RMA programs that RMA Compliance has identified as having potential problems that could cause downloaded data to be in question.

Counties shall review producer applications and request supporting documentation as deemed necessary.

- **Code 3** lists producers for whom preliminary information indicates a problem may exist for those producers identified as potential problems.

FSA shall not rely entirely on the RMA download at face value for these producers and shall verify the accuracy of each producer’s application and certification.

3 Action

A STC Action

When notified of a deficiency, STC shall inform County Offices of the following

- RMA program deficiency
- program impact
- corrective action.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall ensure corrective action is carried out.