

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

Price Support Payment Processing During Centralization Deployment

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1 Overview

A Background

County Release No. 655 contains several centralization initiatives designed to streamline and strengthen internal accounting controls. Because of centralization, **all** payment requests will be routed to the National Payment Service (NPS) for issuance. APSS has been enhanced to replicate payment requests to NPS. NPS has been disabled because of software deployment until **December 9, 2008**; therefore, it is **imperative** that disbursements and repayments are **not** processed in APSS.

LDP applications can be entered in the eLDP software by both County Offices and producers. Payments request from eLDP software will remain queued until NPS is enabled. At that time, payments shall be certified and signed.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of disbursement limitations and repayment collection resulting from payment centralization deployment.

2 System Processing

A Actions Processed Through APSS

Do **not** process disbursements or record repayment collections through APSS until NPS centralization deployment is completed.

Continue to use APSS to calculate manual repayments.

Note: All actions processed **before** receiving this notice remain unchanged.

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2 System Processing (Continued)

B Actions Processed Through Other Price Support Systems

The following systems will continue to operate in the normal manner:

- Automated Cotton Reporting System
- Centralized Cotton Redemption
- Cotton Online Processing System
- Cotton and Peanut PC
- electronic warehouse receipt web applications
- eLDP software.

Note: Payments processed through eLDP software will be queued until NPS is available.

For CCR redemptions, County Offices should **not** perform steps 10 and 11 in 7-CN, Exhibit 17.5 to record the CCR repayment and close the schedule.

C Handling Manual Collections

If a collection is received during the time NPS is disabled for centralization software deployment, County Offices shall record the collection on a manual CCC-257 and send the payment to the local depository or lockbox as instructed by Notice FI-2872. Additional information is also provided in Information Bulletin No. 4611.

Customers repaying loans by wire transfer shall be able to transfer funds as usual. Once the County Office receives confirmation that the transfer has occurred, the County Office shall record the collection on a manual CCC-257 using the applicable wire transfer number from the manual log according to 3-FI.

All collections **must** be recorded when the system is available.

D Additional information

Additional information will be provided through forthcoming notices and information bulletins.