

## USDA-FSA Payment Limits: Interim Reporting Process

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FSA implemented its **Interim Reporting Process** for payment limit tracking for the 2014 crop year on March 25, 2015. This process is intended to provide information about benefits paid to parent level entities for the 2014 year. The Interim Reporting Process is a tool for reporting information and does not establish policy.

FSA is in the process of developing policy and a final reconciliation procedure that will determine the procedures to be used in the event that an individual producer receives in excess of \$125,000 as stated in the Agricultural Act of 2014. However, this interim process may provide important information to loan service providers as they monitor total payments received by their customers.

In summary, the interim process operates as follows:

- USDA has completed the initial *Customer Verification* process for the 2014 crop and returned the results to all loan service providers (CMA/LSA) that submitted a file. This means that FSA has attempted to match each producer's entity name and tax ID number submitted by loan service providers to its own records. If a match was found, FSA returned the record to the loan service provider along with the entity's FSA Producer Core Customer ID (CCID). Rejected records (no match found) were provided back to loan service providers. The process will be repeated for new or modified entity records submitted after the initial verification.
- Using the Producer CCID to match, loan service providers may report attributed benefits to FSA on a daily basis. FSA refers to this as the *Import Process*.
- FSA will sum the benefits received from all loan service providers, including FSA county offices, and attribute them to individual producers. FSA will then generate an *Attribution Report* to loan service providers containing accumulated benefits at the entity level. The report will contain accumulated benefits for all customers submitted by loan service providers in the *Customer Verification* process. The report will be available on a daily basis.
- If a loan service provider needs details about the accumulated benefits for an entity, FSA county offices are available to provide assistance.
- FSA will also provide a *Reduction Report* to loan service providers indicating that benefits have been denied to one or more individuals in an entity. The report will contain the Producer CCID, name and reason for the reduction. FSA county offices are available to provide details about individual records that produce the reductions.

For more details or assistance with reporting issues, please refer to *Market Gains and LDPs, Process for Importing Data for Transactions Processed through CMAs, LSAs and DMAs* available from Ms. Tracey Smith ([tracey.smith@usda.gov](mailto:tracey.smith@usda.gov)) at FSA's Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division.