

Subpart C—Loan Deficiency Payments

§ 1421.201 Loan deficiency payment rate.

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§ 1421.200 Applicability.

(a) During the loan availability period, loan deficiency payments will be made available to eligible producers when the alternative repayment rate is less than the applicable county loan rate.

(b) To be eligible to receive loan deficiency payments a producer must:

(1) Comply with all marketing assistance loan eligibility including beneficial interest requirements.

(2) Agree to forgo obtaining such loan, if applicable; and

(3) File in person, by mail or electronically a request for payment on a form prescribed by CCC; and

(4) Otherwise comply with all program requirements.

(c) A producer must submit a completed request for:

(1) A field direct loan deficiency payment to CCC on or before the date of harvesting or shearing a quantity of an eligible commodity, provided further that the producer must have beneficial interest in such quantity on the date the commodity is harvested or sheared.

(2) A field direct loan deficiency payment to CCC for unshorn pelts on or before the date of slaughter of the quantity of live lambs, before the loss by the producer of beneficial interest in the lamb and the unshorn pelt produced from such lamb.

(3) All other types of loan deficiency payment requests after harvest or shearing and before beneficial interest is lost in the commodity, but not later than the loan availability date.

(d) For unshorn pelts, the lamb must be owned for a period of not less than 30 days in advance of the application and sold for immediate slaughter or slaughtered for personal use. Producers must submit acceptable production evidence to CCC under §1421.12 at the time of request. Producers who do not sell lambs for immediate slaughter are ineligible for a loan deficiency payment.

(a) The loan deficiency payment rate for a crop shall be the amount by which the loan rate for the crop exceeds the rate at which CCC has announced that producers may repay their loans under §1421.10.

(b) Such rate shall be the amount determined:

(1) For loan deficiency payments other than field direct:

(i) On the day the producer submits a completed request for a loan deficiency payment to the FSA county service center;

(ii) Using the rate in effect for the FSA county service center where the commodity is stored.

(2) For field direct loan deficiency payments:

(i) On the date the commodity was delivered to the processor, buyer, warehouse or CMA;

(ii) Using the rate in effect for the FSA county service center where the farm records are kept.

(3) For rice loan deficiency payments, the adjusted world price under §1421.10(c).

(c) The loan deficiency payment applicable to such crop shall be computed by multiplying the loan deficiency payment rate, as determined under paragraph (b) of this section, by the quantity of the crop the producer is eligible to pledge as collateral for a non-recourse loan for which the loan deficiency payment is requested.

§ 1421.202 Loan deficiency payment quantity.

(a) A loan deficiency payment may be based on 100 percent of the net eligible quantity specified on acceptable evidence of production of the commodity certified as eligible for loan deficiency payment if such production evidence is provided for such commodity under §1421.12.

(b) Two or more producers may obtain a single joint loan deficiency payment for commodities that are stored in the same storage facility. Two or more producers may obtain individual loan deficiency payments for their share of the commodity that is stored commingled in a farm storage facility

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with commodities for which a loan deficiency payment has been requested and shall be liable for any damage incurred by CCC for incorrect certification of such commodities under § 1421.203.

(c) Two or more producers may obtain a single joint loan deficiency payment for commodities that are stored in an approved or unapproved warehouse if the acceptable documentation representing an eligible commodity for which a loan deficiency payment is requested is completed jointly for such producers.

§ 1421.203 Personal liability of the producer.

(a) When a producer requests a loan deficiency payment, the producer agrees:

(1) When signing the Loan Deficiency Payment Application and Certification or the Direct Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement, as applicable, that the producer will not provide an incorrect certification of the quantity or make any fraudulent representation for loan deficiency payment purpose; and

(2) That violation of the terms and conditions of the loan deficiency payment request, as applicable, will cause harm or damage to CCC in that funds may be disbursed to the producer for a quantity of a commodity that is not actually in existence or for a quantity on which the producer is not eligible, if CCC determines that the producer has violated the terms and conditions of the applicable forms prescribed by CCC, liquidated damages shall be assessed on the quantity of the commodity that is involved in the violation.

(b) If CCC determines that the producer:

(1) Acted in good faith when the violation occurred, liquidated damages will be assessed by multiplying the quantity involved in the violation by:

(i) 10 percent of the loan deficiency payment rate for the first offense; or

(ii) 25 percent of the loan deficiency payment rate for the second offense.

(2) Did not act in good faith about the violation, or for cases other than the first or second offense, liquidated damages will be assessed by multiplying the quantity involved in the vio-

lation by 25 percent of the loan deficiency payment rate.

(c) For violations to which paragraph (b)(1) of this section applies, the producer must repay the loan deficiency payment applicable to the loan deficiency quantity incorrectly certified, and charges, plus interest applicable to the amount repaid. If the producer fails to pay such amounts within 30 days from the date of notification, the producer must repay the entire loan deficiency payment and charges plus interest.

(d) For violations to which paragraph (b)(2) of this section applies, the producer shall repay of the entire loan deficiency payment and charges plus interest.

(e) CCC may waive the liquidated damages taken applicable to paragraph (b) of this section if the CCC determines that the violation occurred inadvertently, accidentally, or unintentionally.

(f) If, for any violation to which paragraph (b) of this section applies, the county committee determines that CCC's interest is not or will not be protected, the county committee shall:

(1) Call the producer's farm-stored loans;

(2) Deny future farm-stored loans for the current and 2 following crop years;

(3) Deny loan deficiency payments for the current and 2 following crop years unless production evidence is presented to CCC. Depending on the severity of the violation, the county committee may deny future farm-stored loan and loan deficiency payments without production evidence.

(g) If the county committee determines that the producer has committed a violation, the county committee shall notify the producer in writing that:

(1) The producer has 30 calendar days to provide evidence and information regarding the circumstances that caused the violation, to the county committee; and

(2) Administrative action will be taken under this section.

(h) If the amount disbursed under loan deficiency payments exceeds the amount authorized by this part, the producer shall be liable for repayment