

For: State and County Offices

Rice Electronic Warehouse Receipt (EWR) Nationwide Deployment

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 2007 Crop Year Rice EWR's

A Background

PSD conducted a Beta test using rice EWR's for price support benefits in crop year 2006. The Beta test was conducted in 26 FSA County Offices in the 5 rice producing States. The Rice Beta EWR system linked with eGrain, Inc., an approved EWR provider, to facilitate the rice EWR Beta project. During the Beta test, a total of 1,847 EWR's were pledged as collateral for a total of 966 marketing assistance loans (MAL's). Notice PS-566 provided the instructions and procedures for processing EWR's using the web-based EWR system.

PSD surveyed the BETA test participants which included the rice producing States, the participating County FSA Offices, rice cooperative marketing associations, and other industry representatives. The feedback was very positive and the web-based system met the necessary needs and challenges for delivering price support benefits.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices of the nationwide deployment of rice EWR software for the 2007 crop year.

C Nationwide Deployment of Rice EWR Software

Rice EWR software was released nationwide on August 15, 2007. Refer to Web Application Transmittal 129 for additional information. 2-LP Rice is being amended to include policies and procedures for processing price support MAL's and LDP's using rice EWR's.

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| Disposal Date | Distribution |
| October 1, 2008 | State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices |

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1 2007 Crop Year Rice EWR's, (Continued)

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