

**For:** State and County Offices

**Disabling General TAP, TAP Pecans, TAP Timber, and Michigan Fire Blight Payment Processing**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Pub. L 108-171, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, authorized TAP. TAP assisted eligible orchardists in replanting trees, bushes, and vines lost as a result of natural disaster. Specific funding was not made available under this Public Law. Funding for General TAP, Pecan TAP, and TAP Timber was authorized under Pub. L. 108-324. Funding for Michigan Fire Blight was authorized under Pub. L. 108-83.

The TAP payment and overpayment processes use supporting files to determine whether a producer has been underpaid or overpaid. Because some of the supporting files only maintain data for the most current 3 years, there are cases where the following applies:

- outstanding payments **cannot** be processed because the supporting files **cannot** be updated
- producers may be listed on the overpayment register that are **not** actually overpaid.

**B Purpose**

This notice informs State and County Offices that:

- 2004-2007 TAP payment and overpayment processing will be disabled after installing County Release No. 677, which is expected to arrive in County Offices by October 9, 2009
- they will be required to submit documentation to the National Office when a 2004-2007 TAP payment was earned by the producer, but **not** issued **before** County Release No. 677 disabled the payment processing software.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
January 1, 2010	State Offices; State Offices relay to Service Centers

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### 2 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- ensure that County Offices:
  - are immediately informed of the contents of this notice
  - have issued all outstanding 2004-2007 TAP payments
  - computed and transferred all 2004-2007 TAP overpayments to CRS
- forward authorization request documentation to PECD, Common Provisions Branch (CPB), by either of the following methods:
  - FAX to Sandy Bryant at 202-720-0051
  - overnight mail to:

USDA, FSA, PECD, CPB  
Attn: Sandy Bryant  
STOP 0517  
1400 Independence Ave SW  
Room 5172, South Building  
Washington, DC 20250-1021.

**Note:** Requests **must** be accompanied by a statement from DD explaining why the County Office was unable to process payments before installing County Release No. 677

#### B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- issue any outstanding 2004-2007 TAP payments to eligible producers **before** installing County Release No. 677 unless prohibited by reasons not within their control
- compute and transfer 2004-2007 TAP overpayments for all producers to ensure that all debts are transferred to CRS

**Note:** After overpayment software is disabled in County Release No. 677, County Offices shall enter an overpayment according to 67-FI, if it is determined that an overpayment has occurred.

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### 2 Action (Continued)

#### B County Office Action (Continued)

- ensure that County Release No. 677 is installed upon receipt
- submit the following documentation to the State Office for any **2004-2007** TAP payment not issued before installing County Release No. 677:
  - explanation about why the TAP payment was not issued before installing County Release No. 677
  - complete and approved CCC-434 (TAP) on file, if available

**Note:** Processing options for the application will remain open to allow County Offices to enter the most up-to-date information on the application. This will provide for proper calculations for the payment.

- Complete CCC-435 on file, if available
- Estimated Calculated Payment Report, if available
- PPH from all County Offices the producer is associated with

**Reminders:** If the producer is a joint venture, PPH **must** be submitted for each member of the joint operation.

PPH **must** be submitted for **each** combined producer, if applicable.

**Note:** PPH shall be printed by selecting the applicable menu options from the enabled TAP payment report menu. An accounting history print or transaction statement will **not** be accepted in place of PPH from the payment reports menu.

- Current MABDIG for each:
  - producer
  - affected member of the joint operation.

**Note:** The MABDIG should display the year of the payment. If that MABDIG is not available, provide an available MABDIG closest to the year of the payment request.