

## Farm Service Agency, USDA

## § 784.4

under this part for program payments shall not exceed \$18 million. Claims that exceed that amount will be prorated in accordance with § 784.7.

(c) To be eligible for payments, producers must comply with all provisions of this part and with any other conditions imposed by FSA.

### § 784.2 Administration.

(a) This part shall be administered by FSA under the general direction and supervision of the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, FSA. The program shall be carried out in the field by FSA State and county committees (State and county committees) in accordance with their assigned duties and the regulations of this part.

(b) The Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, FSA, or a designee, may reverse or modify a determination made by a State or county committee.

(c) The Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, FSA, may waive or modify deadlines and other program requirements in cases where timeliness or failure to meet such other requirements does not adversely affect the operation of the program.

(d) The program described under this part is a one-time program to be administered with respect to eligibility and qualifying factors occurring during or related to the base period of August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004, as specified in this part.

### § 784.3 Definitions.

The definitions in this section shall apply to the 2004 Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Payment Program and this part.

*Agricultural Marketing Service or AMS* means the Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department.

*Application* means the Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Payment Program Application.

*Application period* means the date established by the Deputy Administrator for producers to apply for program benefits. Unless otherwise announced, that period will end January 13, 2005.

*Base period* means the period from August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2004, during and after which ewe lambs must meet all qualifying eligibility criteria.

*Ewe lamb* means a female lamb no more than 18 months of age that has not produced an offspring.

*Farm Service Agency or FSA* means the Farm Service Agency of the Department.

*Foot rot* means an infectious, contagious disease of sheep that causes severe lameness and economic loss from decreased flock production.

*Lambing cycle* means the period of time from birth to weaning.

*Parrot mouth* means a genetic defect resulting in the failure of the incisor teeth to meet the dental pad correctly.

*Person* means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, estate, trust, association, cooperative, or other business enterprise or other legal entity who is, or whose members are, a citizen or citizens of, or legal resident alien or aliens in the United States.

*Sheep and lamb operation* means any self-contained, separate enterprise operated as an independent unit exclusively within the United States in which a person or group of persons raise sheep and/or lambs.

*United States* means the 50 States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

### § 784.4 Time and method of application.

(a) A request for benefits under this part must be submitted on the Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Program Application. The application form may be obtained in person, by mail, by telephone, or by facsimile from any county FSA office. In addition, applicants may download a copy of the form at <http://www.usda.gov/dafp/psd/>.

(b) The form may be obtained from and must be submitted to the FSA county office serving the county where the sheep and lamb operation is located. The completed form must be received by the FSA county office by the date established by FSA. Applications not received by that date will be disapproved and returned as not having been timely filed and the sheep and lamb operation filing the application will not be eligible for benefits under this program.