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§ 1425.2 Administration.

On behalf of CCC, the Farm Service Agency will administer the provisions of this part under the general direction and supervision of the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs. In the field, the provisions of this part will be administered by the State and county FSA committees.

§ 1425.3 Definitions.

The definitions set forth in this section shall be applicable for all purposes of program administration. The terms defined in parts 718 of this title and parts 1421 and 1427 of this chapter shall also be applicable, except where those definitions conflict with the definitions in this section.

Active member is a member who has utilized the services offered by a CMA in one of the three preceding CMA fiscal years or such shorter period as may be provided in the CMA's articles of incorporation or bylaws.

Approved cooperative marketing association (CMA) is a cooperative approved by CCC to participate in loan and LDP programs for any authorized commodity.

Authorized commodity is a commodity for which a CMA is approved by CCC to obtain marketing assistance loans or Loan deficiency payments.

Cooperative is a business owned and controlled by the producers who use its services and operated under generally accepted cooperative principles.

Eligible commodity is a commodity which meets the commodity's eligibility requirements set forth in chapter XIV of this title, and is produced and delivered to the CMA from a producer eligible for loan or LDP.

Loan pool is any CMA pool containing commodities used by the CMA to obtain either loans or LDP's.

Market gain is the sum of loan rate, minus the repayment rate on loans repaid with less than the loan rate, plus for LDP's, the same rate, times the quantity of commodity. Market gains cannot exceed the producer's applicable payment limitation as set out in part 1400 of this chapter.

Member is a producer who:

(a) Has fully paid for membership stock or earned equity credits in the CMA;

(b) Has executed a uniform marketing agreement with the CMA; and

(c) Is entitled to all CMA membership rights.

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§ 1425.4 Approval.

(a) For a cooperative to gain CMA status to participate in a marketing assistance loan or Loan deficiency payment program for the 2002 through 2007 crop years, a cooperative must submit an application for approval to CCC. An application must include:

(1) A completed Form CCC-846 indicating commodities for which it seeks approval;

(2) A balance sheet, dated within the last year, prepared for the cooperative and accompanied by a letter from an independent Certified Public Accountant, certifying that the balance sheet was prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(3) A copy of the articles of incorporation or articles of association and all marketing agreements for loan pools, together with a certification that this material is current;

(4) Resolutions made by the cooperative's board of directors stating the cooperative will abide by provisions of this part, the nondiscrimination provisions thereof, and all other related CCC policies;

(5) A detailed description of how proceeds from each loan pool will be distributed to members as provided for in § 1425.18;

(6) An executed form CCC-Cotton G, Cotton Cooperative Loan Agreement, by cooperatives applying for approval to participate in the cotton loan and LDP program; and

(7) Other information as requested by CCC concerning the organizational, operational, financial or any other aspect of the cooperative requested by CCC related to the cooperative's proposed methods of conducting CCC loan and LDP business.

(b) A CMA must submit, on an annual basis, the following information to CCC:

(1) A completed Form CCC-846-1, which shall disclose:

(i) The number of active and inactive CMA members;

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- (ii) The CMA's allocated equity;
- (iii) The CMA's unallocated equity; and
- (iv) Quantity of each loan pool commodity delivered to the CMA for marketing and the portion of such commodities received from active members during the prior year.

(2) The CMA's latest balance sheet. This balance sheet must be dated within the past year and be accompanied by a letter from an independent Certified Public Accountant certifying that the balance sheet was prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(c) A CMA shall furnish information to CCC within thirty calendar days relating to any:

- (1) Change in its articles of incorporation and loan pool marketing agreements;
- (2) Resolution affecting loan or LDP operations;
- (3) Change to the CMA's name, address, phone number, or related data shown on the CCC-846-1;
- (4) Change in loan pool operations with an explanation and justification; and
- (5) Additional information CCC may request related to the CMA's continued approval by CCC.

(d) CCC may require a CMA to submit a new initial application instead of a recertification application when it questions whether the CMA is operating according to documents previously submitted.

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§ 1425.5 Confidentiality.

Information submitted to CCC related to trade secrets, financial or commercial operations, or the financial condition of a CMA, whether for initial approval or continued approval, shall be kept confidential by the officers, agents, and employees of CCC and the Department of Agriculture except as required to be disclosed by law.

§ 1425.6 Approved CMA's.

(a) CCC shall, in accordance with the provisions of this part, approve a CMA to obtain marketing assistance loans and LDP's.

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(b) CCC may approve a CMA to participate in a marketing assistance loan and Loan deficiency payment program for the 2002 through 2007 crops as:

- (1) Unconditionally approved; or
- (2) Conditionally approved.

(c) If CCC determines a CMA is in substantial but not total compliance with the requirements of this part, CCC may make the approval conditional on CMA coming into full compliance within a reasonable period of time as specified in the notification of conditional approval.

(d) A CMA is approved to participate in a marketing assistance loan and LDP program until the CMA's approval is suspended or terminated by CCC.

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§ 1425.7 Suspension and termination of approval.

(a) CCC may suspend a CMA from obtaining loans and LDP's when CCC determines the CMA has not:

- (1) Operated according to the CMA's application for approval or its last recertification submission;
- (2) Complied with applicable regulations;
- (3) Corrected deficiencies of the CMA's operation as noted by CCC; or
- (4) Violated any of its agreements with CCC.

(b) A suspension may be lifted when CCC determines the CMA has complied with all requirements for approval. When suspensions are not lifted within 1 year, or a shorter time period if so indicated in CCC's suspension notification, the CMA's approval automatically terminates.

(c) CCC may terminate a CMA's approval by giving the CMA written notice of the termination.

(d) A CMA may, when it does not have any marketing assistance loans outstanding, through written notice to CCC, voluntarily terminate its participation in a loan and LDP program.

(e) CCC may, on demand, call all outstanding CCC loans made to a suspended or terminated CMA. When loans are called, CCC will provide at least 10 calendar days written notice to the CMA. Commodities pledged as collateral for loans must be repaid by the date specified by CCC. If redemption is