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Informational Bulletin

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Subject: Extra Long Staple (ELS) Cotton Competitiveness Program

Effective Friday, January 10, 2020, consistent with the statutory authority for the Special Competitiveness Provisions for Extra Long Staple (ELS) Cotton and with prior practice in the application of such provisions, the Department of Agriculture announced the foreign growths considered in determining payment eligibility and payment rates for the ELS Cotton Competitiveness Program. Based on a broad range of publicly available market data and information, the Department of Agriculture has determined that Giza 94 is a competing growth of ELS Cotton on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 4 p.m.

This bulletin is issued in the anticipation that the current market price will persist. Should this trend continue, the first opportunity for FSA to post the [ELS Cotton Competitiveness Program announcement](#), regarding [payment rates](#), will be on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 4 p.m. (the end of 4 consecutive weeks since receiving the apportionment on Wednesday, January 8, 2020). These announcements will continue weekly if the payment eligibility periods are active, requiring a designation of payment rate.

For continued participations in the ELS Cotton Competitiveness Program, Warehouse & Commodity Management Division will require the following:

- [CCC-1045ELS \(04-19-19\) ELS COTTON DOMESTIC USER/EXPORTER AGREEMENT](#)
- DUNS NUMBER for verification
- Active status in SAM.gov (required for an approval of payments)

A list of ELS approved participants is available on the Warehouse and Commodity Management Division website and will be updated as needed. If your company is not listed and plans to participate, please contact this office at your earliest convenience to supply the above listed items.

The failure to provide required information could result in the delayed document-processing time and the subsequent delay of requested payments.

Should the payment rates take in effect, participants will be required to submit the proper applications for payment reports. CCC-1045ELS-1 (Domestic) and/or CCC-1045ELS-2 (Exporter) must be submitted for any payment eligibility periods when payment rates are posted. In addition to these applications, supporting documents must be attached when submitting the CCC-1045ELS-2 (Exporter).

If you have any questions, please contact EAAP.ELS@usda.gov or call (816) 926-6474.