

Industry Notice

USDA AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE ANNOUNCES ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Marketing and Regulatory Programs mission area made the [announcement](#) on June 17, 2026.

WAREHOUSE AND COMMODITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO JOIN NEWLY RENAMED COTTON AND WAREHOUSING PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is implementing an organizational realignment to enhance service delivery, streamline operations, and more closely align complementary program functions. As part of this effort, the Warehouse and Commodity Management Division (WCMD) will transition into the newly renamed **Cotton and Warehousing Program**, formerly the Cotton and Tobacco Program.

No service disruptions are expected. WCMD will continue to operate as a division within the new program structure, maintaining its full responsibilities for warehouse oversight across grain, cotton, peanuts, and other commodities under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA).

WCMD will also continue its longstanding support of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL)—under which most U.S. cotton and peanuts enter the loan program—and its administration of cotton-specific direct payment programs, including the Economic Adjustment Assistance for Textile Mills (EAATM) and the Special Competitiveness Provisions for Extra Long Staple (ELS) Cotton programs. Given the scope and scale of these cotton-related responsibilities, integrating WCMD into the Cotton and Warehousing Program represents a strategic alignment of mission and workload.

Key Points for Industry Partners

- **WCMD remains fully operational.** The division will continue to deliver warehouse oversight and compliance services supporting grain, cotton, peanuts, and other warehouse-supported commodities.
- **No staff relocations.** WCMD staff, primarily based in Kansas City, will remain in their current duty stations. Hiring efforts for Warehouse Examiners who are located throughout the U.S. will continue.

- **Continued MAL and program administration.** WCMD's critical role in CCC Marketing Assistance Loans and cotton-specific direct payment programs remains unchanged.
 - **Strengthened collaboration.** The Cotton Program and WCMD have historically maintained a productive and collaborative partnership. This realignment formalizes and strengthens that relationship.
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Continued Commitment to All Commodity Sectors

Although the program name is changing to **Cotton and Warehousing**, AMS remains fully committed to serving all commodities under WCMD's mission, including grain, peanuts, and other sectors supported by the USWA.

This realignment does not prioritize cotton over other industries, nor does it reduce service, oversight, or engagement for any commodity group. All stakeholders should expect the same high level of responsiveness, program integrity, and continuity they have long relied on.