Testing an Entry or Function Yourself

Often, there are questions about how a certain function works, or how to make an entry to deal with a certain type of situation. Most users know basically how the entry is to be made and how ABA will deal with it, but if it is something unusual, you should always check to make sure the program is handling it like you want it to. When the entry is made in a template containing a lot of other information, it is almost impossible to see for sure if the entry is being processed the way we would expect.

In addition to the blank ABA document that you use as your source document for ABA workups, you may also want to keep one called **ABA Testing**. If you come across an entry then, that you are unsure about, you can open the ABA Testing document and make the entry in that template in isolation, without any other information in the template. You can then look at the results pages to see how the program deals with the information. This allows you to ensure you are making the entry properly, and that the template is processing it the way you want it to. The pages, and numbers on the pages you will want to check when you do this are:

1. The DS SUM page – any applicable line, but in particular
   - ✓ Term Interest
   - ✓ Accrued Interest
   - ✓ Accrued Net Farm Income
   - ✓ Debt Servicing Capacity
   - ✓ Debt Service Payment
2. In the cash flow section, the Op Advances and Tm Loans pages to see if the new debt is coming in as expected, and payments are being made as expected.
3. The CF SUM page, to see if the operating loan amount is what you expected for each month.
4. The NW SUM page, to see if the affected assets and debts, and net worth changed as expected.
5. The Risk Ratios page, to see if the ratios and indicators are what you expect.

Sometimes trial and error is required to get the results you want. Doing this will allow you to do that testing of the entry to find out. Testing a function that you are uncertain about, but think you have done properly will give you the confidence that you are doing it properly.