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More Than Nine Hundred Farms Enroll in ACRE

Bozeman, MT, September 22, 2009 – The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced that 911 farms across Montana have been approved for the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program for 2009. Chouteau County led Montana with 258 approved farms.

ACRE is provided through the 2008 Farm Bill and offers producers an alternative to Counter-Cyclical payments under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) beginning with the 2009 crop year. The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state- and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. A decision to elect ACRE binds the producer to the program through the 2012 crop year, the last crop year covered by the 2008 Farm Bill. ACRE’s revenue-based approach makes payments based on price and yield movements relative to the guarantee.

Following is a list of counties and the number of farms approved for 2009 ACRE:

2009 ACRE Election			
County	Farms Approved	County	Farms Approved
Beaverhead	1	Madison	4
Big Horn	3	McCone	19
Blaine	32	Meagher	0
Broadwater	2	Mineral	0
Carbon	0	Missoula	1
Carter	4	Musselshell	0
Cascade	35	Park	4
Chouteau	258	Petroleum	0
Custer	1	Phillips	18
Daniels	17	Pondera	79
Dawson	2	Powder River	0
Deer Lodge	0	Powell	0
Fallon	10	Prairie	0
Fergus	16	Ravalli	0
Flathead	16	Richland	6
Gallatin	3	Roosevelt	70
Garfield	2	Rosebud	7
Glacier	3	Sanders	0
Golden Valley	6	Sheridan	61
Granite	0	Silver Bow	0
Hill	42	Stillwater	2
Jefferson	0	Sweet Grass	0
Judith Basin	0	Teton	102
Lake	6	Toole	20
Lewis & Clark	6	Treasure	0

Liberty	16	Valley	33
Lincoln	0	Wheatland	0
		Wibaux	0
		Yellowstone	4

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