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Armstrong County USDA Service Center

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Holiday



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Long Distance Producers

Unable to visit the Butler Office located on Rt 68 at the Butler Farm Show Grounds? The FSA staff arranges appointments to meet with producers at the Beaver County Conservation District office located off Rt 151 at the wetlands in Independence Township. Alternative locations can be established in Allegheny or other areas in Beaver if needed.

Farm Measurement Service

FSA provides a measurement service on farms using 2008 digital imagery. Individual fields can be measured for accuracy and ease of acreage reporting. The minimum fee per farm is \$23.

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June 15th – Small Grains, oats, wheat, barley

July 15th – Corn, Soybeans, Hay, vegetables, CREP acreage, etc.

CREP

Enrollment is continuing for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP); a 10 or 15 year program in which annual rental payments are made to participants. Cost Share funding is available to implement the conservation practices such as fencing, spring development, drain tile, grass planting, etc.

Important Reminder: *Haying or Grazing is not permitted on CREP land.*

Participants that are already enrolled in CREP are reminded to control the growth of noxious weeds and woody vegetation on acres enrolled in the program.

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Producers with current pulse crop acre history in 1998 through 2001 will be notified of the opportunity to update pulse crop base acres to their farm using one of three options. Producers must also provide verifiable and acceptable production evidence to support the calculated average farm yield for each pulse crop. The deadline for pulse crop base acres and yield election is August 14, 2009.

Producers that did not file acreage reports on pulse crops in 1998 through 2001, may now provide a late-filed acreage report at no charge. Acceptable evidence of the existence and disposition of the crop is required: Late-file prevented planting provisions for 1998 through 2001 pulse crops also apply.

Measurement Service

Farmers who would like a guarantee on their crop plantings and land use acreages can make it official by using the FSA measurement service. Producers must file a request with the county office staff and pay the cost of a field visit to have stake and referencing done on the farm. Measurement service is available using digital imagery and where an on-site visit is not required are charged at a reduced rate.

Incorrect acreage self-certification can result in reduced program payments, penalty, or loss of eligibility.

Producers can request ortho-imagery and CLU covering their land (commonly referred to as a clip) at no charge. This would provide the acreage of an entire field.

Farm Reconstitutions

At FSA, farms are “constituted” to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. If an owner or operator can not agree about program participation, like in the case of the new ACRE program, then producers should inquire about a reconstitution of the farm at the local FSA office.

The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **August 1** for farms enrolled in specific programs.

2009 County Committee Elections

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers, whether beginning or long-established, with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

County committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. County committees provide local input on:

- Commodity price support loans and payments
- Conservation programs
- Incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities
- Emergency programs
- Payment eligibility

FSA county committees operate within official regulations to carry out federal laws. County committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions.

Election Period

June 15, 2009 – The nomination period begins. Request nomination forms (FSA 669A) from the local USDA Service Center or obtain online at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA> under News & Events/County Committee Elections.

Aug. 3, 2009 - Last day to file nomination forms

Nov. 6, 2009 - Ballots mailed to eligible voters

Dec. 7, 2009 - Last day to return voted ballots to the USDA Service Center

Jan. 1, 2010 - Newly elected county committee members take office

Who Can Hold Office

To hold office a person must meet the basic eligibility criteria.

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
- Reside in the LAA in which a candidate

Not have been:

- Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee
- Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
- Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

LAA(s) up for Election

County Committee Elections		
County	LAA	Townships
Indiana	1	West Mahoning
		North Mahoning
		South Mahoning
		East Mahoning
		Canoe
		Banks
		Grant
		Montgomery

To read more about the 2009 County Committee elections, visit the Pennsylvania FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/pa.

Crop Reporting Deadlines:

June 15, 2009 last date to report small grains

July 15, 2009 last date to report corn, soybeans, and other crops

Any prevented planted acres must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date for the crop.

Notes to Participants

If you are participating in crop insurance, please report your crops to us in a timely fashion so that we have time to load your crop reports into the computer and get a total for you to report to the crop insurance by their deadline. Also, calling ahead to let us know when you are coming will reduce your time in the office.

Indiana County is still accepting offers for continuous conservation reserve sign-up (CREP). Cropland that meets the cropping history and eligibility requirements may be enrolled as well as land adjacent to bodies of water or streams which may be established as riparian buffer areas.

While we are still processing payments from the office, we no longer mail the payment statements from here. Please contact us if your bank account information changes in any way.

No program benefits subject to limitation will be provided until: all required forms for the specific situation are provided and necessary payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations are made. After 2009, an operating plan will not be required to be filed annually, if the farming operation continues to be conducted as reflected on the farm operating plan and supporting documents on file. Failure to timely notify the County Office of any changes that affect Adjusted Gross Income certification or the actively engaged in farming, cash rent tenant, or foreign person determinations may adversely affect payment eligibility. Entities earning program benefits that are subject to limitation must provide the names, addresses, and TIN's of entities' members to COC.

Dates to Remember	
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
May 4 thru May 29, 2009	Requests for Referendum for Soybean Promotion
June 15, 2009	COC nominations period opens
Aug. 14, 2009	2009 ACRE election & signup deadline
Aug. 3, 2009	Last day to file COC election nomination forms
Aug. 14, 2009	DCP Signup Deadline

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