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USDA Reinstates Base Acreage on Federally-Owned Land

Bozeman, MT, April 2, 2009 – USDA has announced that the rule terminating base acres on federal land has been rescinded.

This allows farmers and ranchers who lease federal land to be considered eligible to receive payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) on federal land with base acres.

This decision rescinds the DCP final rule which terminated base acreage on federal lands. The rule directed that beginning in crop year 2009, producers who leased federal land would no longer be eligible for DCP payments authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill.

Further information regarding the 2008 Farm Bill is available at your local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office or on-line at www.fsa.usda.gov/mt , under Hot Topics – 2008 Farm Bill.

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