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## Montana FSA: 2013 DCP & 2013 ACRE Signups Announced and Important Upcoming Deadline Reminders Issued

USDA Montana Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Bruce Nelson advises Montana agricultural producers that the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the authorization of many programs under the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill). FSA Programs that have been extended include, among others: the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP), the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), and the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC). FSA is preparing the following actions:

- FSA will begin sign-ups for DCP and ACRE for the 2013 crops on Feb. 19, 2013. The ACRE sign-up period will end on June 3, 2013; the DCP sign-up period will end on Aug. 2, 2013;
  - The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013 (and vice versa).
- All dairy producers' MILC contracts are automatically extended to Sept. 30, 2013. Eligible producers therefore do not need to re-enroll in MILC. Specific details regarding certain modifications to MILC will be released soon.

FSA will provide producers with information on program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. Any additional details will be posted on FSA's website ([www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) - national | [www.fsa.usda.gov/mt](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt) -MT).

### Below is a summary of important upcoming dates and deadlines:

- **Jan. 31:** Final date to apply for Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) or Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) on 2012 crop year wool shorn
- **Feb. 19:** 2013 DCP & 2013 ACRE Program Signups Begins
- **March 15:** Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Sales Closing Deadline for all 2013 spring planted and forage crops, including grass for hay and grazing
- **March 16:** Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Managed Spring Grazing Period Begins
- **March 25:** USDA Claims Filing Deadline for Hispanic & Women Farmers and Ranchers (Claims Contact Info: [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov) - 1-888-508-4429)
- **March 31:** Final date to apply for MALs or LDPs on 2012 crop year harvested barley, canola, crambe, flaxseed, honey, oats, rapeseed, wheat, and sesame seed
- **May 14:** CRP Managed Spring Grazing Period Ends
- **May 31:** Final date to apply for MALs or LDPs on 2012 crop year harvested corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, rice, safflower seed, chickpeas, soybeans and sunflower seed
- **June 3:** 2013 ACRE Program Signup Deadline
- **June 7:** Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Crop Disaster Program Signup Deadline for 2011 Crop Year
- **July 15:** 2013 Crop Year FSA Acreage Reporting Deadline for Spring Seeded: Grass, Mixed Forage, Alfalfa, Clover, the year of seeding (annual & perennial types), Barley, Canola, Corn, Dry Beans, Dry Peas, Flax, Mustard, Spring Oats, Potatoes, Safflower, Sugar Beets, Sunflowers, Spring Wheat, CRP and all other crops
- **July 15:** 2012 Crop Year NAP Production Report Deadline
- **July 15:** 2012 Crop Year NAP Application for Payment Deadline
- **July 15:** 2012 Crop Year ACRE Production Report Deadline
- **July 16:** CRP Managed Summer/Fall Grazing Period Begins
- **Aug. 2:** 2013 DCP Program Signup Deadline
- **Sept. 13:** CRP Managed Summer/Fall Grazing Period Ends
- **Sept. 30:** MILC Contracts Expire
- **Nov. 12:** All Hay Bales Must be Removed from CRP Acres
- **Nov. 15:** 2014 Crop Year FSA Acreage Reporting Deadline for Fall Seeded: Grass, Mixed Forage, Alfalfa, Clover, the year of seeding (annual and perennial types), Established Grass, Mixed Forage, Alfalfa, Clover in years subsequent to the year of seeding (perennial types), Apiculture, Fall Wheat, and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains

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