



# 2014 Farm Bill

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**FARM SERVICE AGENCY**

**Program Detail**

June 2014

## Producer Education Tools

Section 1614(C)(3) of the 2014 Farm Bill provided:

- \$3 million for qualified universities or university-based organizations to develop web-based decision aids to assist producers in understanding available options and to train producer to use these decision aids.
- \$3 million for State extension services to educate farmers and ranchers about available options.

Programs covered or implicated because of their connection to covered programs include:

- Base reallocation;
- Price Loss Coverage (PLC);
- Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) including individual or county-level ARC coverage;
- PLC and ARC implications related to participation in the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) and Stacked Income Protection Plan for Producers of Upland Cotton (STAX) offered under the Federal crop insurance program;
- Coverage-level choice under the Dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP-Dairy) and associated considerations with Livestock Gross Margin (LGM-Dairy) insurance under the Federal crop insurance program; and
- Buy-up decisions under NAP.

On May 29, 2014, USDA announced the University of Illinois (lead for the National Coalition for Producer Education [NCPE]), along with the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M (co-leads for the National Association of Agricultural and Food Policy [NAAFP]), will receive a total of \$3 million to develop the new online tools and train state-based extension agents who can in turn help educate farmers.

USDA also announced that it will award \$3 million to State cooperative extension services for outreach and education on the new Farm Bill programs. Funds will be used to conduct public education outreach meetings where producers can speak with local extension agents and FSA employees. Outreach meetings are expected to begin meetings late this summer to help farmers and ranchers understand the new programs and their options.

Upcoming scheduled timeframes include:

Mid-Summer 2014:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Producers receive letters notifying them of current bases and yields and 2009-2012 planting history.</li></ul>
Late Summer 2014:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MPP-Dairy and ARC/PLC online tools become available.</li><li>• MPP-Dairy and ARC/PLC regulations are published.</li><li>• MPP-Dairy sign-up starts for 2014 and 2015.</li><li>• Producers can update yields and re-allocate bases for ARC/PLC.</li></ul>
Fall 2014:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NAP online tool become available.</li><li>• NAP regulation published.</li><li>• NAP sign-up starts.</li></ul>
Winter 2014:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ARC/PLC one-time selections occur.</li></ul>
Early 2015:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ARC/PLC sign-up for 2014 and 2015 starts.</li></ul>