



“SCOOP”

ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

April 2007

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Sign-up Extended to August 3, 2007

Sign-up to participate in the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program has been extended to August 3, 2007. The CCC-509 (DCP Contract) must be submitted by August 3, 2007, with all signatures. For producers who enroll in the DCP program after August 3, 2007, a late-filed fee of \$100.00 per farm will be assessed.

Prevented Planted and Failed Acreage

Prevented Planted Provisions – Producers should report prevented planted acreage to their local FSA Office when the crop acreage is not planted due to disaster-related conditions. To be considered timely filed, prevented planted acres should be reported no later than **15 calendar days after the final planting date** established by Federal Crop Insurance. **Final planting dates are listed in this SCOOP under Program Deadlines.** County Committee review and action are required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

County Committee may not approve acreage that:

- Was not planted because of a management decision
- Was used for conservation purpose, including any that was intended to be left idle
- Had a previous or subsequent crop planted that does not meet the double-cropping provisions
- Does not meet other applicable rules.

Failed Acreage Provisions – Producers should report failed crop acres to their local FSA Office when the crop is failed due to disaster-related conditions. To be timely filed, acreage reports for failed acreage shall be filed **before the crop is destroyed.** County Committee review and action is required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. For crops for which Federal Crop Insurance is not available, you may be eligible for Non-Insurance Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

Acreage Reporting Deadline for Fall-Seeded Crops is May 15, 2007

May 15, 2007, is the deadline to report fall-seeded crops to your local FSA Office. Acreage reports are required to be eligible to receive DCP Payments.

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Planting Flexibility

Any commodity may be planted on the following:

- any land, including base acres, on a farm not enrolled in a DCP contract
- non base acres of a farm enrolled in a DCP contract
- base acres of a farm enrolled in a DCP contract, except for fruits, vegetables and wild rice

Check with your local office to see if you or the farm qualify for allowable exceptions.

Maintaining Idle DCP Acres

DCP participants are required to protect all idle contract acres from erosion and weeds. Idle fields designated as “contract acres” must have a sod cover, crop residue or volunteer grasses. Weeds are not an acceptable cover and must be mowed. Failure to control weeds on contract acres will cost you program benefits if the County Committee determines the producer failed to demonstrate a good faith effort to control weeds and/or erosion.

Acreage Reports are Compared to DCP Contracts

As producers are planting crops, it is important to ensure that the acreage planted and shares certified are in compliance with DCP Program Provisions. DCP Divisions of Payment Rules can be found at the following link http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/scoop_2006_10.pdf, but in general, crops planted on DCP contract acres need to be shared in the same manner as the shares designated on the DCP contract. Limited exceptions can apply and may be discussed with your local county office.

Program Deadlines

FCIC Final Planting Date for Corn	May 10, 2007
2007 NAP acreage reporting date for broccoli, cabbage, carrots, sweet corn, lettuce, potatoes, strawberries	May 15, 2007
Reporting Acreage of Fall-Seeded Crops	May 15, 2007
FCIC Final Planting for Cotton for Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, St. Francis, White and Woodruff Counties.	May 20, 2007
FCIC Final Planting date for Peanuts	
FCIC Final Planting Date for Cotton for Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Clark, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke, Miller, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie, and Pulaski Counties	May 25, 2007
FCIC Final Planting Date for Rice	May 31, 2007
Final 2006 Loan and LDP Availability for Corn, Dry peas, Grain sorghum, Lentils, Mustard seed, Safflower seed, Small chickpeas, Soybeans and Sunflower seed.	May 31, 2007
FCIC Final Planting Date for Grain Sorghum	June 10, 2007
FCIC Final Planting Date for Soybeans	June 15, 2007
Final date to request a reconstitution for a farm participating in DCP	August 1, 2007
Deadline to enroll in 2007 DCP without fee	August 3, 2007