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Acre Certification Deadline

Please Keep in mind that **May 15th** is the deadline to certify all acres that have been devoted to wheat, barley, oats, or triticale. This includes acres that were planted for grain, grazing, hay, cover crop, and any volunteer acres that were not destroyed last fall.

Update DCP Contracts

Contracts for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) must be updated each year. If we have a signed contract, we can issue 2004 direct payments. Before addressing the contract, farmers need to deal with land and business issues:

- Will you continue to rent the same property you rented last year? If not, notify the office so we can update your farm records or perform a reconstitution to remove land from your farming operation.
- If the land in your operation won't change, do you have a signed lease from the landowner? A signed rental agreement indicating you have land cash leased for 2004 is required to receive an advance payment.
- A cash-rent certification may be used if you rented the land last year, however, an advance payment cannot be issued for the farm until July 1, 2004.
- Are you changing the structure of your operation? For example, is the farm converting from an individual to a partnership or Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)? Are you changing shares within the business or is one of the shareholders leaving the business? These questions need to be answered prior to sign-up.

Take care of the paperwork now so you have money to operate with during the planting season. June 1 is the deadline to timely enroll. **Producers who enroll between June 2 and September 30, 2004 will be required to pay a \$100 user fee.**

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