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## Crop Certification

**Importance of Accurate and Timely Reporting**  
Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits.

Producers are required to file FSA-578 certification for the farm by the applicable reporting dates.

**Small grains: May 17**  
• fall-seeded  
• spring-seeded

**July 15**  
**All crops, except small grains**

A Complete certification is one of the various requirements to comply with Direct & Counter Cyclical Programs.

## Reconstitutions

**[7 CFR 718.204]** To be effective for the current FY, farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by **August 1** of the FY for farms subject to DCP. A reconstitution is considered to be requested when all:

- of the required signatures are on FSA-155
- other applicable documentation, such as proof of ownership, is submitted.

A completed farm reconstitution that divides or combines farms shall result in the termination of the initial CCC-509 for the parent farm or farms and, with respect to the base acreage assigned by the Secretary to the resulting farms of a reconstitution, the farm producers must enroll the base acres for a crop year by signing a new CCC-509 for the resulting farm by the later of June 1, 2010, or 30 calendar days after notification of the bases and yields of the resulting farm. CCC-509 **not** having all requisite signatures of producers having more than a zero share of base acres on or before June 1, 2010, or 30 calendar days after notification of the bases and yields of the resulting farm, will **not** be considered submitted to CCC for any purpose and will **not** be acted on or approved.

## DCP Sign Up

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act) was enacted on June 18, 2008. The 2008 Act, Section 1101(d) provides for the continuation of DCP for 2008 through 2012. Signup continues through **June 1, 2010**.

Beginning with the 2009 crop year, regulations no longer provide for a "late-filed" signup period or fee. Accordingly, enrollment is **not** permitted after June 1, 2010.

CCC-509 will **not** be approved unless all producers sharing in base acres with more than a zero share have signed and submitted all applicable documentation such as cash leases.

Producers on a farm are solely responsible for ensuring that timely enrollment occurs.

The 2010 contract period is from October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010. Producers signing CCC-509 represent that they comply with the terms and conditions of CCC-509 Appendix and Federal regulations for the entire contract period.

Producers enrolling in 2010 DCP agree to the following certification or filing requirements:

- certification of the acreage of **all** farm cropland
- farm operating plan
- certification of compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions
- certification of compliance with the adjusted gross income provisions

## **2010 Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)**

Yuma County Producers who received flood damage from the January 2010 storm, can apply for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). The purpose is to rehabilitate cropland back to pre-disaster conditions. The objective of ECP is to provide cost-share assistance to agricultural producers who have suffered severe damage to their cropland because of a natural disaster. Signup deadline for the Emergency Conservation Program is April 12, 2010. For additional information about ECP contact the county office.

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