

Farm Service Agency

New London County FSA Office

April 2009

**DCP SIGN-UP EXTENDED TO
AUGUST 14, 2009**

MILC PAYMENTS TO BE ISSUED !

THE ACRE PROGRAM

The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is a new program authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill that begins in crop year 2009. Through ACRE, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers producers an alternative to Direct and Counter-cyclical (DCP) payments. The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price.

ACRE payments are made when both state- and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments. Producers also elect to receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. ACRE sign-up dates will be announced soon so a producer can choose to participate in ACRE, or stay with DCP

A decision to elect ACRE binds the producer to the program through the 2012 crop year, the last crop year covered by the 2008 Farm Bill. For more details contact your local FSA office

DIRECT AND GUARANTEED LOANS

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are available now.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Loan funds can be made available. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

FEBRUARY MILC PAYMENT - \$1.51/CWT.

USDA announced the February Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) payment rate will be \$1.51/cwt. adjusted for a national average dairy feed price of \$7.73/cwt. Without the feed adjustment, the February MILC payment would have been \$1.34/cwt.

MILK INCOME LOSS CONTRACT PROGRAM PAYMENT RATES

| FY 2009 | BCI Price | Payment Rate Before Adj. | NADFRFC | Adj. Trigger | Final Payment Rate Adj. for Trigger |
|---------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Oct. | \$18.78 | \$0.0000 | \$8.83 | \$18.48 | \$0.0000 |
| Nov. | \$20.58 | \$0.0000 | \$8.47 | \$18.10 | \$0.0000 |
| Dec. | \$18.68 | \$0.0000 | \$8.14 | \$17.76 | \$0.0000 |
| Jan. | \$18.99 | \$0.0000 | \$8.35 | \$17.98 | \$0.0000 |
| Feb. | \$13.97 | \$1.3365 | \$7.73 | \$17.33 | \$1.5135 |

The MILC payment is based on an adjusted trigger lever of \$17.33/cwt. (the \$16.94/cwt. Boston Class I trigger plus the feed adjuster). The actual Class I price in Boston was \$13.97. (The difference between the trigger and the actual Class I price is then multiplied by 45% to get the actual payment rate.)

The feed adjustment rate is based on national average prices of \$3.87/bu. for corn, \$9.55/bu. for soybeans and \$143/ton for alfalfa hay. Those prices were released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) March 30, 2009.

For more information, go to:
www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp



ACREAGE REPORTING

Acreage reporting time will soon be here. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.



Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, **acreage reports are to be certified by July 15, 2009**

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NAP PRODUCTION REPORTING

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up-to-date. Records submitted must be reliable or verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. We recommend producers submit 2009 production records as soon as harvest is complete. The deadline for reporting your 2008 NAP production is the same date as reporting your 2009 crop acreage.

RURAL YOUTH LOANS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans to individual rural youths age 10 through 20 to establish and operate income producing projects. These projects must be of modest size and be initiated, developed, carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H Clubs, FFA, or a similar organization or with a vocational teacher or county extension agent. The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience.



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