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FSA Implements New Payment Process for CRP and DCP Payments

Bozeman, MT - FSA implemented a new centralized payment processing system in October. Payment transaction statements are being mailed to producers for annual Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) payments, final direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. FSA encourages producers to keep the payment transaction statements they receive as they will be needed for tax purposes and reconciling the FSA-1099s issued in January.

Since FSA payments are now centralized for the nation, payment reductions for advance DCP payments received or haying and grazing of CRP will be offset from the first available payment without regard to contract number, farm number, program, or administrative county. Payments will be reduced for:

- existing FSA/CCC debt
- advance direct payments under DCP or ACRE
- payment reductions for haying and grazing of CRP
- eligibility determinations implemented with the 2008 Farm Bill (such as direct attribution, member contribution of labor and management)

If an offset is taken for one of these items, it will appear on the payment transaction statement as a payment reduction to "Commodity Credit Corporation" but may not clearly state which program, farm number, contract number, or county.

There are some known software issues with entity payments, such as a corporation or LLC, due to changes in the 2008 Farm Bill that required member contribution of labor or management. FSA is working hard to resolve the issues and doing their best to ensure delays are minimized with the new system. Some entities may initially receive a partial payment with the balance to be issued as soon as the software issues are resolved.

Payments are also being routed to the Department of Treasury to comply with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. The Department of Treasury will notify the payment recipient of any offset taken for other delinquent Federal debt. Questions regarding Treasury offsets may be directed to the Treasury Offset Program (TOP) Call Center at 1-800-304-3107.

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