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October 2009

Final Payments for 2009 DCP

Enrolled producers can expect their final direct payment to be deposited directly into personal bank accounts sometime during the first few weeks of October.

Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum after the end of the fiscal year (Sept. 30).

The direct payment for a crop equals 83.3 % of the farm's base acreage times (x) the farm's direct payment yield times (x) the direct payment rate. If you are in ACRE you will also times (x) the results of the above calculation by 80%.

If there are any unearned payments, or you received an advance DCP Payment, Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically subtract those amounts from the final Direct and Counter-cyclical Program payments you receive. Please review your Transaction Statement carefully.

2010 NAP Application Deadline December 1

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available.

In order to be eligible for disaster assistance programs, like SURE, producers are required to timely purchase, at a minimum, CAT coverage for all insurable crops and/or NAP

coverage for all non-insurable crops on their entire farm.

NAP coverage for 2010 costs \$250 per crop, but not more than \$750 per producer per county, or not more than \$1875 total per producer for all counties.

Producers who already have coverage on 2009 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2010, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

County Committee Elections Ballots

Ballots for this year's county committee election will be mailed to eligible voters on November 6, 2009. Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office by the close of business on December 7th. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by midnight December 7th.

This year's election will be in LAA #5 in Jefferson County. The boundaries of LAA #5 are east and south of the Snake River. The candidates in this year's election are Kent Barber, George Ellsworth and Luke Hicks.

Eligible voters in this local administrative area who have not received a ballot should contact the FSA county office staff.



Comment Period for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Dick Rush, State Executive Director is encouraging agricultural producers who are enrolled or may wish to be enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program to take advantage of the comment period on proposed changes to this program. "There are substantial changes being proposed for this program that will affect Idaho CRP enrollees and the future of land use for our producers," said Rush. "We have a vested interest in maintaining a sound program in Idaho and I encourage producers to learn as much as they can and let their opinions be heard so that Idaho producers have a say in how the program goes forward." The deadline for submitting comments is October 18, 2009.

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), often considered the most successful conservation program in modern times, is at a critical juncture as Congress contemplates whether to continue the program. Since 2005, more than 4.2 million acres have expired, and over the next five years, another 21 million more acres are slated to expire.

Some of the changes proposed are: Using National Agriculture Statistic Services data to establish rental rates; Adding alfalfa and legumes to the eligible crop history; and Making mid-management practices optional.

Submit comments [online](#) at www.public.geo-marine.com or the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#). [Email](#) comments to CRPcomments@tecinc.com; or mail or hand-deliver comments to CRP SEIS, c/o TEC Inc., 8 San Jose Dr., Suite 3-B, Newport News, VA 23606. Fax comments to: 757-594-1469.

Electronic Services Available

Producers with Internet access can access many services from home 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours.

To participate in these services, you must meet all program eligibility requirements. Online services have stringent security measures to protect your private information.

To utilize electronic service, a producer needs an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account and an e-mail address. You can visit www.eauth.egov.usda.gov to complete the online registration form. Note that you must also visit your FSA county office for identity verification. For assistance establishing your account, contact your local USDA Service Center or your nearest FSA County Office.

Marketing Assistance Loans

Marketing Assistance loans are available for producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, you must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if you regain beneficial interest.

Commodity loan eligibility also requires you comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements, beneficial interest requirements, report how you use cropland acreage on the farm and ensure that the commodity meets CCC minimum grade and quality standards. For commodities to be eligible they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence and in a storable condition and be merchantable for food, feed or other uses as determined by CCC. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.

Producers do not have to participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program to be eligible for commodity loans.

Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans.

The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.

Price Support Update

There have been many changes to the Price Support Program for the 2009-2012 crop years. To be eligible to receive a market loan gain (MLG) or loan deficiency payment (LDP), an entity or individual's average adjusted gross NONFARM income cannot exceed \$500,000.

A person or legal entity with average adjusted gross NONFARM income that exceeds \$500,000 is NOT eligible for MLG or LDP. However, the person or entity is eligible for a Marketing Assistance Loans

(MAL), but the MAL must be repaid at principal plus interest. Beginning with 2009 crop year, there will be no payment limit on MLG's and LDP's.

Starting with the 2009 crop year, CCC will no longer adjust loan rates for warehouse-stored loan using premiums and discounts at loan making time. If the loans are not repaid and are forfeited to CCC, grading factors effecting premiums and discounts will be applied during forfeiture.

Effective with the 2009 crop year, loan rates for farm-stored Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) shall NOT be adjusted for test weight at loan making. Applicable discounts will be taken at the time of loan settlement, if the commodity is delivered to CCC at loan maturity.

For all the changes for 2009-2012 as they apply for MALs and LDPs, please contact your local Farm Service Agency office.

Requesting Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) for 2009

Reminder: All requests for LDPs need to be filed on the CCC-633-EZ form. You indicate your intention to receive an LDP for all crops at the beginning of the crop year, before beneficial interest is lost, and then the same form is used to submit your actual request for an LDP at any time during the loan/LDP availability period which would then cover before or after losing beneficial interest. **If you haven't completed page 1 for the 2009 crop year, it's in your best interest to do so – today!** For the 2009 crop year, the CCC-633 EZ and eLDP online requests are the only methods available to request LDPs. Here's an explanation for each page of the form.

Page 1 – Producer's *intention to request* LDPs in the future.

- Must be signed before beneficial interest is lost.
- Terms and conditions for requesting LDPs.
- Covers all farms and all eligible crops in all counties.
- Submit one to the county office staff. Remind staff of other counties where you have farming interest.
- This is your intention to request an LDP in the future. It is not a request for payment.

Page 2 – Producer's *request for LDP* payment on feed grains, minor oilseeds, and pulses.

- Use after grain is harvested and in storage. You maintain beneficial interest. The LDP rate will be the rate in effect on the date page 2 is received in the office.

- Can use after beneficial interest is lost. LDP rate will be the rate in your administrative county office on the date beneficial interest was lost. Must provide production evidence.
- Use when you wish to receive LDP rate based upon date commodity was delivered to warehouse. You must maintain beneficial interest from harvest through delivery to the warehouse. Complete all required sections including item 23B.

Page 3 – Not applicable in Idaho (cotton).

Page 4 – Producer's *request for LDP* payment on *sheared wool, sheared mohair or unshorn pelts*.

- Use when wool or mohair is sheared and in storage. You maintain beneficial interest. LDP rate is based on date page 4 is received in county office.
- Use if beneficial interest is lost at shearing. LDP rate will be the rate in your administrative county office on the date beneficial interest was lost. Must provide production evidence.
- For unshorn pelts, page 4 is submitted within 60 days of slaughter. LDP rate is based upon date of delivery to slaughter company or buyer.
- Additional sheared wool and mohair and unshorn pelts information may be obtained from the county office.

Page 5 – Used when additional signatures are needed.

Additional items to remember

- The next time you're in the county office, please verify you've signed and submitted page 1 of the CCC-633 EZ.
- Submit CCC-633 EZ, page 2 or 4 for each LDP payment in person, by fax, by mail or by filing electronically.
- Submit payment requests before the final loan availability date.
- You can use eLDP web site to request LDP if you have e-Authentication and page 1 has been received in the county office.
- Contact our office for details.
- Form can be found at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>

FSA web site for price supports is <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/default.htm>

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Rural Youth Loans

Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000. See your local FSA office for details

Visit Idaho's FSA Website at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/id>

2009 Dates to Remember!

- Ongoing** : Continuous CRP signup
- October 12** : Columbus Day – Office Closed
- November 11** : Veterans' Day – Office Closed
- November 26** : Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
- December 1** : NAP sales closing date for honey and all 2010 perennials, including alfalfa and grass

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