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ANNUAL DCP/ACRE SIGNUP OPEN

Enrollment or signup in the 2011 Direct & Counter-cyclical (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is occurring in county FSA offices until the established June 1, 2011 deadline. No late filed enrollment beyond this deadline can be accepted. So, producers should call 620-382-3714 to schedule their appointments. We are also encouraging producers to report or certify their 2011 small grain (wheat, barley, oats) planted acreages. When doing so, please be prepared to provide crop planting dates & field locations. NOTE: Failed crop acres must be reported within 15 days of a disaster and before destruction of the crop.

DCP offers 2 types of benefits; a direct or guaranteed payment and a counter-cyclical or market driven based payment. Producers can elect to receive direct payments in 2 installments by requesting a 22% partial payment at program signup and receiving the balance of earnings in a final payment in October. Under the counter-cyclical component of DCP, a payment is generated when a crop's FSA target price exceeds its effective price. The effective price equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of national average market price or national loan rate.

The ACRE program provides producers revenue guarantee payments based on meeting farm and state price and yield trigger levels. Any ACRE election made on a farm is permanent and irreversible through 2012. Participation in ACRE requires production reports to be submitted by producers by July 15 of the year following the contract year of ACRE enrollment. Also, required is a producer report of their paid crop insurance premium, where applicable.

A NEW YEAR WITH SOME NEW PERSONNEL

As a result of employee retirements, there are several changes in both personnel and staff program duties we want to make you aware of in the county office. First, we would like to congratulate Program Technician (PT) Wendy Hoffman on her retirement from FSA employment with over 31 years of loyal federal government service to the producers of Marion County. We all extend our Best Wishes for happy & healthy years ahead in her retirement future. Christi Sigel has returned to handle CRP and other conservation related program duties.

Other PT responsibilities include the following:

Amanda Brown: common payment eligibility & program acreage compliance

Sherry David: crop & storage facility price support loans and livestock assistance programs

Diane Sams: administrative operations, farm changes, DCP & ACRE

Lori Siebert: crop disaster & risk management programs, geographic information systems (GIS)

STUHLIK RE- ELECTED TO COUNTY COMMITTEE

Lost Springs producer Monty Stuchlik has been re-elected to the Marion Co. FSA Committee for another 3 year term. He will join other committee members Eldon Andres of Peabody and Marvin Ratzlaff of Hillsboro for the 2011 committee year. Joyce Olsen of Marion serves as minority committee advisor.

