



# Barry County News

## Barry County USDA Service Center

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Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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County Committee meets  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
each month

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## DCP/ACRE Program Sign Up

Producers can begin enrolling in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program and the Average Crop Revenue Election for the 2010 crop year. ***The DCP/ACRE enrollment deadline for 2010 is June 1, 2010!***

## SURE Program Sign Up

Producers with crop losses in **2008** can begin enrolling in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program. SURE is the permanent "Disaster" program that was part of the 2008 Farm Bill. SURE will look at producers' revenue over their entire farming operation when determining a loss. Producers must have had crop insurance on all their crops, or participated in the eligibility "Buy Ins" in to be eligible for benefits under SURE. Producers will be required to have documentation for all 2008 production to substantiate losses.

## LOAN AND LDP PROVISIONS

To be eligible for Price Support Benefits (marketing assistance loans, loan deficiency payments) all crop acreage must be reported by the final certification date. Producer must have beneficial interest (title) in the commodity at the time benefits are requested. Estates, trusts, or heirs may be eligible for benefits in cases of succession from an eligible producer. The final date to request benefits on the proceeding year's commodities is January 31 for wool and mohair, March 31 for wheat and oats, and May 31 for corn and soybeans. Contact the FSA office for final availability dates on other commodities.

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**SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS**

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**SPOUSE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY**

Spouses can sign documents on each other's behalf for FSA or CCC programs unless written notification denying this authority has been filed in the County office.

**FOREIGN INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE ACT**

Foreign persons who acquire, or hold interest in agricultural land are required to report these holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture. Reports are due within 90 days of a transaction.

**FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS**

Loans are available for the construction of new commodity storage facilities and the expansion of existing facilities. Producers may borrow up to \$500,000 for a term of 7 to 12 years. Storage need, down payment requirements, repayment ability, and loan security requirements must be met for loan approval.

**NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) provides crop insurance like loss protection to producers of crops that are not insurable. These include crops grown for food, fiber, livestock consumption, floriculture, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turf grass sod, ginseng, seed crops, and industrial crops. Producers must submit and application and pay an administrative fee for coverage by the crop enrollment date. (Crop enrollment dates vary.) Crop acreage, losses, and production reports for actual production history are required to be filed timely.

**ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITS FOR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY -**

The 2008 farm Bill contained the following new AGI rules for farm program eligibility:

**Non farm income exceeds \$500,000:**

Ineligible for all commodity , price support and disaster assistance

**Farm Income exceeds \$750,000:**

Ineligible for direct payments under DCP

**Nonfarm income exceeds \$1,000,000:**

Ineligible for all conservation program benefits

Dates to Remember	
January 4 2010	SURE sign up for 2008 crop losses begins
June 1, 2010	DCP/ACRE Enrollment Deadline
Continues	Continuous CRP & CRP-SAFE
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loan

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