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Bay County News

DCP & ACRE Signup Deadline

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program has been extended until August 14, 2009. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications. Signup in the ACRE option is also available through August 14, 2009.

FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price.

The electronic DCP (or eDCP) service will save you time, reduce paperwork and speed up contract processing at FSA offices. It is available to anyone eligible to participate in the DCP Program. To access this on-line service, you must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.

**ALL USDA SERVICE CENTER
OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY, JULY 3RD in observance
of the Fourth of July holiday.**

ACRE INFORMATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 9, 2009

Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 9:00 AM
an ACRE informational meeting will be held at ADM on M-15 in the Reese area to discuss the provisions of the new ACRE Program. Saginaw and Tuscola Counties will also be involved with this meeting, producers should mark their calendars and plan to be there.

Special Accommodations
Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact John Porath at 989-686-0430, ext.2, Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, or email john.porath@mi.usda.gov

July 15th Crop Reporting Deadline

The annual requirement of reporting to the FSA office can be referred to as crop reporting, acreage reporting, or crop certification. Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, marketing assistance loans and Load Deficiency Payments.

The certification form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. **Producer certification deadline for fall seeded small grains is June 30th and all other crops are July 15th.**

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CRP & NAP Certification

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

Prevented Planting:

Prevented planting is to be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

Failed Acreage:

Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.



CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

As the name implies, the Michigan CREP is an enhanced version of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). CREP offers farmers and landowners more and better options, along with increased financial incentives to help improve water quality and wildlife habitat in the Region.

Producers can participate with a filter strip, windbreak, wetland restoration, or riparian buffer strip. Now may be the time to look into one of these practices before planting.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

There is a lot of interest in grain bin loans. If you are interested in a grain bin loan or need to update an existing structure, please contact the office for further details.

RECORD CORRECTIONS AND RECONS

Producers are encouraged to update all of their records with our office in preparation for program sign-up. If you have made land changes from what you were operating last year, we are asking that you give us a call and let us know of the changes.

Dates to Remember	
June 30 th	Last day to report fall seeded small grain crops
July 15 th	Last day to report all other crops, except fall seeded small grains
August 14 th	DCP/ACRE sign up ends
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program and CREP

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