



Clinton County FSA News

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**County Committee
Meetings**

3rd Wednesday of each
month.



Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) for 2010.

- **Sign-up ends June 1.**
There are no rules or fees allowing you to sign into the program after June 1.
- Base acres must be planted to an annual crop, be in hay, or idle grasses. Fruits & Vegetables (FAV) can not be planted on base acres unless the farm or producer has FAV history. In cases where FAVs can be planted, the producer will receive an acre-for-acre reduction in their program payment.
- Farms with less than 10 acres of base will be ineligible for payments. Exceptions apply to socially disadvantaged and limited resource farmers.
- Payments can only be earned by the person who has the risk in producing and marketing the crop.
- Annual crop certification of all cropland on the farm is required.
- HEL and Wetland provisions apply
- Lease agreements will be needed if an advance payment is requested prior to June 1.

Leases **must** include at a minimum:

- landowner & operators names printed and signatures
- signature dates
- the type of lease (cash lease, barter lease with terms)
- length of lease if multiple years (ie 3 yr lease from 2009-2011)

It is helpful to us if you also include

- the number of acres rented
- the owners address.

Please be assured that any information contained in your leases will be kept confidential.

Farm Rent Certification can be completed by anyone who is requesting no advance or advance payment after June 1 if all requirements are met.

Direct Payment is a guaranteed payment. Payment is calculated using the farm base & yield. Payment rates are: corn .28, wheat .52, barley .24, oats .024, and soybeans .44 (payment = base x 83.3% x yield x share x payment rate)

22% of the direct payment is available starting at the time of sign-up and the final 78% of the payment will be issued in October 2010.

Counter-cyclical payment is a payment based on a 12-month marketing cycle in comparison to the target price. This is **not** a guaranteed payment. An advance payment may be requested. However, at the end of the marketing cycle any unearned payment will have to be refunded.

Acre Crop Revenue (ACRE)

The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price.

Producers who elect the ACRE program for a farm agree to:

- forgo counter-cyclical payments
- accept a 20% reduction in the guaranteed direct payment
- accept a 30% reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm

Acre Payments are revenue based and are tied to crop production and the National Average Market price for planted covered commodity crops on the farm.

Reporting Requirements – producers who participate in ACRE must annually report acreage and **production** to FSA.

Dates to Remember

- Dec 25** Office Closed –
Christmas
- Jan 1** Office Closed –
New Year's Day
- Jan 18** Office Closed –
Martin Luther
King's Birthday

*Happy
Holidays!*



Electing ACRE – Once an election is made the farm will stay in ACRE until the end of the Farm Bill (2012). To elect ACRE for a farm, producers must complete form CCC-509 ACRE, in which all owners and operators on the farm must sign agreeing to enroll the farm into the ACRE program.

2009 ACRE Participants

Each farm will need to establish a benchmark farm yield using the previous 5 years production. Producers may report production evidence or use the ACRE plug yields to establish the benchmark farm yield.

Creating a Benchmark Farm Yield –
Deadline: July 15, 2010

For 2009, the benchmark farm yield will use production records from 2004 through 2008. A yield will need to be established for each farm participating in ACRE. Producers have the option of providing production evidence or using the ACRE plug yield.

2009 Production Evidence -

**Deadline: June 30, 2010 for wheat
July 15, 2010 for corn/soybeans**

A letter identifying acceptable production evidence will be issued shortly to all participants who enrolled in the ACRE program in 2009.

Committee Election Results

Thanks to all of you who took time to vote in this year's election.

Larry Nobis (3-year term) and James Jorae (1-year term) have been selected by their respective areas to represent the farmers and landowners on the FSA County Committee.

We would like to congratulate and welcome both of them to the Committee.

We would also like to thank Ron Arens for his many years of service and for providing producer insight and representing his area.

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