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Eaton County FSA Updates

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2012 DCP/Acre Sign-up

May, 2012

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment started Jan. 23, 2012, and will end June 1, 2012. Here are some IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- All producers with an interest in **DCP base** acres must be included on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.
 - All producers receiving a share greater than zero on the DCP/ACRE contract must sign the contract no later than June 1, 2012.
 - Changes on the farm after enrolling June 1st in DCP/ACRE must be reported to your local FSA office such as:
 - Ownership changes
 - Producer changes (Individuals and Entities)
 - Change in crop shares arrangements
- Note: Changes cannot be made after Sept. 30, 2012.

Supplement Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

The sign-up for 2010 losses runs through **June 1, 2012**. The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that occurred during the 2010 crop year. SURE is available to eligible producers on:

- Farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties, that have incurred crop production or quality losses, or both, and includes all crops grown by a producer nationwide, except grazed crops.
 - Any farm in which, for the crop year, the actual production on the farm because of disaster-related conditions is 50 percent or less than normal production of the farm
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Annual Acreage Report of Planted Crops

Each year, participants are required to file a complete and accurate acreage report to remain eligible to receive benefits under a number of programs, including the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP), Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and marketing assistance loans.

Field work and planting is now underway all around the county. As soon as your planting is complete, do not forget to stop by our office and report your planted acres. Wheat is to be reported by June 30. All other crops by July 15.

2011 ACRE Yields Due by July 15

Producers enrolled in ACRE are required to submit yields for each farm enrolled in the program by July 15 of the following year. Yields are used to establish a producer's yield history. The yield history is used as an element in calculating the farms expected revenue to determine benefits under the program. Failure to submit yields by the deadline will result in ineligibility for all 2011 payments on the farm.

Prevented Planting and Failed Acreage

Prevented planting reports are due within 15 days of the final planting date for the crop. Failed acreage reports are due within 15 days of the date the failed acreage becomes apparent. Reports filed after these time frames will be accepted, however, a late filing fee of \$46 will be assessed.

Wetland Compliance Rules

Beginning with the 1985 Farm Bill compliance with wetland rules has been required as a condition of eligibility for USDA and FSA benefits. Planting an agricultural commodity on a wetland converted after December 1985 or converting a wetland after November 1990 by draining, dredging, filling, leveling, or any other means for the purpose, or to have the effect of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible will result in the loss of eligibility for USDA and FSA benefits.

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