



Dickinson, Iron, Menominee County News

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DCP & ACRE Program Sign Up Underway

The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is a new program authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill. The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state- and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments along with a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. DCP & ACRE sign-up runs April 27 – August 14, 2009. During the sign up producers can choose to stay with DCP or participate in ACRE. A decision to elect ACRE binds the farm to the program through the 2012 crop year.

FSA Policy on Assisting Producers with Forms & Applications

When a producer signs and dates any form or application, they are acknowledging that all information contained therein is true and correct, regardless of how that information was placed upon the form or application. This applies to any crop acreage report, application for coverage, request for price support benefit, certification of production, or AGI or any other such document that the producer cannot complete and submit independently of FSA employee assistance.

Disaster Buy-In Waiver Extension

Producers who did not obtain crop insurance or NAP coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009, to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs; Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP). The producer must by the deadline of May 18, 2009: --Pay a \$100 “buy-in” fee per crop, maximum fee is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers. Separate maximum fees apply to both NAP and Insurable crops. -- In the case of each insurable crop, excluding grazing land, agree to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price. -- In the case of each non-insurable crop, agree to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable sales application closing date for the next available year. Buy in fees are waived for producers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher.

New Commodity Loan & LDP Repayment Rates

FSA is now using an improved and more stable system for determining marketing assistance loan & LDP repayment rates for wheat, feed grains, pulse crops, oilseeds, wool, mohair & honey. Repayment rates are the lesser of 1) loan rate plus interest 2) 30-day average terminal market price 3) 5-day average terminal market price Call the office for details.

**Soybean Request for Referendum beginning May 4, 2009 and continuing through May 29, 2009.
Please contact this office for additional information.**

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Farm Reconstitutions

Land having the same owner and the same operator are under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. Recons are a process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. The following methods are used.

Estate Method — the division of bases, for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate
Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have

been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding.

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract
Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system. If payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded. August 1st is the deadline to file a 2009 recon request.

**Tired of farming
 through or around
 those wet areas?**

At planting time each year we are faced with those wet areas & wonder will I need to work around them again or farm right through. If I get it planted will a crop grow?

Many of these areas are eligible to be enrolled into the Continuous CRP. In return for planting a conservation cover you can earn up to 90% cost share and a guaranteed annual rental payment (**Note: Most of Michigan’s CRP Soil Rental Rates have recently increased**) and other financial incentives, besides doing something that is good for the environment. There is a practice available to address just about any resource concern you may have on your working ag land. **Remember the Swampbuster rule of the Farm Bill prohibits persons who receive USDA benefits from converting wetlands into croplable acreages.**

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Dates to Remember	
6/30/09	Final date to file crop reports for fall seeded crops
7/15/09	Final date to file crop reports for all other crops and CRP
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans

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