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Sanilac County FSA Updates

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CRP Sign-Up Starts Soon

The 45th General sign-up for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) begins May 20 and ends on June 14. CRP protects the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance to plant long-term, resource conserving covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the 10-15 year contract.

Contracts on 3.3 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2013. Producers with expiring contracts have been notified by letter. For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Adjusted Gross Income

USDA and the Internal Revenue Service have established an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent is required from each producer or payment recipient for the tax review process. **No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to FSA.**

This ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-933 to their local FSA County Office to avoid interruption of program benefits. This form may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices.

DCP/ACRE Sign-up Continues

The 2013 sign-up period for DCP and ACRE is still open. Producers are encouraged to sign up for DCP before the Aug. 2, 2013, deadline. The deadline for ACRE sign-up is June 3, 2013.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013. Likewise producers who were enrolled in DCP may opt for ACRE enrollment.

[Read more about DCP and ACRE](#) or contact the FSA county office for more information, or an appointment to enroll.

Unauthorized Disposition of Grain

If you have a CCC loan on any commodity please note: If loan grain has been disposed of through feeding, selling or any other form of disposal without prior written authorization from the county office staff, it is considered unauthorized disposition. The financial penalties for unauthorized dispositions are severe and a producer's name will be placed on a loan violation list for a two-year period. Always call before you haul any grain under loan.

Loans for the Socially Disadvantaged

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating or to help purchase or improve farms or ranches. While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for socially disadvantaged applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of a group. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Important Dates

RIGHT NOW - Make your appointment for DCP/ACRE sign-up

May 20th - General CRP sign-up begins

May 27th - Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

June 3rd - ACRE sign-up ends

June 7th - 2011 SURE application deadline

June 14th - General CRP sign-up ends

July 15th - crop certification deadline

August 2nd - 2013 DCP sign-up ends



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