



September 2008 Audrain County News

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County Committee meets 2nd
Tuesday – Monthly

Judith Warren, CED
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Bill Dubbert, PT
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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 16

Final date to pay buy-in
fees for 2008 SURE

September 30

DCP enrollment ends for
2008

September 30 Expiring
CRP Enrollment

December 1

Application deadline for
2009 NAP coverage for Fall
Crops

We want to thank every producer, landlord or operator for calling the office to make an appointment to complete crop reports and signup for DCP payments. It helped us keep our sanity while trying to get a great deal of important work done for you in a very short period of time and saved you from having a long wait in the office.

We want everyone receiving this newsletter to know that you should contact the office if you buy a farm; sell a farm; change any terms of your operating lease; get married; get divorced; change bank accounts; change power of attorneys; change to a trust; corporation; estate; partnership; LLC; or if a death occurs so your records are correct.

We will be out of the office in October for training on the 2009 Farm Bill. Call before making a trip to the office. No details to share yet. When the Federal Register is published we can tell you about changes.

CRP contracts expiring September 30, 2008 may be eligible to be re-enrolled in a new 10-15 year contract provided the current contract is in full compliance with contract provisions and the conservation plan of operation. If you cannot find your copies just contact the office to request new ones. Keep in mind all re-enrolled continuous CRP contracts will require a new conservation plan. Remember CRP contracts have required maintenance provisions. That means you must have controlled weeds, sprouts and trees. Call the office if you are interested or have questions.

CRP annual rental payments have not been authorized yet. When Congress authorizes release of funds, the county office will be making direct deposits to your bank account.

County Committee Election ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters by November 3. Only landowners/operators in Wilson, Salt River South Fork, and Loutre Townships will be voting. Incumbent Kevin Davis is seeking a second term. Jeanette Bruns who serves as an advisor to the County Committee is also seeking a regular 3 year position on the County Committee. Ballots must be returned and postmarked by December 1st. Ballot will be counted on December 3, 2008.

SURE, what is it? The SURE program is the new crop disaster program. If you want to be eligible for crop disaster you must have ALL CROPS including DOUBLE CROP BEANS, GRASS, ALFALFA etc covered with CAT or NAP insurance.

If you miss covering one crop you are ineligible for ANY disaster assistance in all counties. Since every operation is different, we encourage you to call or stop

by the office and ask about your operation.

The SURE program is revenue based and will not cover individual crop losses. It will be based on your "farm" operation's revenue. "Farm" means the sum of all crop acreage in all counties. SURE will be computed using a disaster program guarantee for your "farm" versus a total "farm" revenue calculation. If your total "farm" revenue is less than your guarantee you are eligible for a payment equal to 60% of the difference. This payment will be available to eligible producers on farms in counties with a Secretarial Disaster declaration or on any farm that has a loss greater than 50% of normal production.

Crop insurance and/or NAP coverage is going to be required each year through 2012 for any chance of receiving a disaster payment. If you plant wheat or barley this fall, please make certain you have it insured by the sales closing date of September 30, 2008, if you want to protect next years SURE program eligibility.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 DISASATER PROGRAMS BUY- IN ENDS

The 2008 Farm Bill has created 5 new disaster programs.

1. SURE - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program
2. LFP – Livestock Forage Program
3. LIP – Livestock Indemnity Program
4. TAP - Tree Assistance Program
5. ELAP – Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees & Farm raised fish

To be eligible for ANY of these programs, producers must purchase at least CAT level crop insurance for ALL insurable crops and/or NAP coverage for any crop not insurable in ALL COUNTIES. Since these provisions were not known prior to the sales closing dates for crop insurance and NAP programs, producers will be allowed to BUY- IN on ANY crop not already covered until September 16, 2008. The buy-in fees are \$100 per crop with a maximum \$300 per producer per county with a \$900 cap. This applies to both CAT and NAP crops. Payment of these fees will not provide crop insurance or NAP coverage. It will only buy eligibility for a possible future payment.

POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA) Many landowners and operators use a POA because it is difficult to visit the county office due to work schedules, distance, health reasons, etc. Using a POA enables program participants to timely meet deadlines. If you are interested just call or stop by the office. We can provide you with a POA form.

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2008 DCP SIGN UP DEADLINE

September 30, 2008 is the deadline to sign up for the 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program. For 2008 you can request an advance payment of 22% of the direct payment. Final direct payments will be issued in October 2008.

If you have already been in to sign up but had to obtain a landowners signature, another producers signature, or provide a cash lease please be aware the deadline for turning them in is fast approaching. If all signatures are not received, the farm will not be enrolled and no payments will be issued.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
09-16-08	Final date to pay buy-in fees for 2008 SURE
09-17-08	Audrain Service Center Annual Open House
09-30-08	DCP enrollment ends for 2008
09-30-08	Expiring CRP enrollment ends
09-30-08	Final date to purchase 2009 NAP coverage for fall crops
10-13-08	Office Closed-Columbus Day
11-11-08	Office Closed-Veteran's Day
11-27-08	Office Closed-Thanksgiving
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

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