



Missouri District 5

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DCP Sign-Up Now!

- ◆ *Farm producers will enroll in the DCP program first with the option of ACRE later.*
- ◆ *Farm producers must sign a new DCP contract (CCC-509) each year on every participating farm they own or operate prior to receiving any payment.*
- ◆ *Advanced payments are available.*
- ◆ *The annual sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program has been extended to August 14, 2009.*

Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)

Producers will soon have a new option available through the ACRE Program. This program provides “counter-cyclical” protection on the crops a producer plants, not on the farm’s historical plantings. ACRE is a component of the Farm Bill, and provides a safety net that protects against crop revenue shortfall resulting from price and production declines at the state and farm level.

Sign-up will begin April 27th. Additional details for ACRE will be announced as they become available. At that time producers will have the choice to continue their enrollment in the DCP and CC Program or make a one time change to the DCP plus ACRE Program for 2009—2012. Sign-up for 2009 ACRE/DCP is scheduled to end August 14, 2009.

Prevented or Damaged Crops?

When bad weather prevents planting or damages crops, producers are required to report the acreage to the FSA office to receive history or disaster credit. This applies to all crops, whether covered by crop insurance, not covered by insurance, or covered by FSA's Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP).



Producers who have their crops insured through a private crop insurance company are required to contact their insurance agent immediately and advise them of the damaged crops. Additionally, a CCC-576, Notice of Loss Application, must be completed in person at the FSA office, and the prevented and/or failed acres reported.

Producers with crops covered under FSA's NAP, need to contact the FSA office within 15 days from the date damage occurred or is apparent. The losses can be appraised and production counted before the crop is put into another use, abandoned or destroyed.

Crops not covered with a private insurance or NAP policy should still be reported to the local FSA office. This will provide FSA with a historical record of your crop should disaster assistance become available. For more information about reporting prevented planting or failed acres, contact or stop by the FSA office.

New Repayment Options Available for Commodity Loans

Beginning April 15th producers will have new options for making loan repayments. In an effort to minimize fluctuations in the market the new options afford producers the opportunity to choose which method benefits them the most. This new method will replace the current one, which is based on the previous day's market rates. The three new repayment options are:

- ◆ *The loan rate established for the commodity, plus interest*
- ◆ *A 30-calendar-day average based on market prices during the preceding 30 day period*
- ◆ *A 5-calendar-day moving average of applicable terminal market prices adjusted by county differential and applicable terminal market adjustments*

New loan repayment option rates will be published daily and can be viewed on the FSA website at, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=landing>.

Producer Tips for 2009 Sign-Up

With many program changes we encourage producers to carefully review the following information. This will assist your local FSA Office in helping you with the 2009 sign-up, and may save you some time at the counter.

Prior to Coming to the Office

Operation Changes ~ Has your operation had any of the following changes and have the changes been recorded at the FSA Office?

- ◆ Have you added any farms to your operation
- ◆ Have the owners and operators of the farms changed
- ◆ Is there a trust, LLC, partnership or any other entity type in your operation

Documentation for Signature Authority

- ◆ Do you have a Power of Attorney (form FSA-211A) that needs to be revised

Know Your Farming Operation

- ◆ What type of crop insurance coverage do you have
- ◆ Are all crops in your farming operation insured
- ◆ Take some time to review your yield history (for ACRE program purposes)
- ◆ How are your farms administered at the FSA office

ACRE Election/Enrollment Options

- ◆ Examine ag outlook predictions
- ◆ Work with an ACRE calculator
- ◆ Gather information and be prepared to work with FSA to complete the election and enrollment processes

Call Ahead

It Saves You and the FSA Staff Time!

Direct and Guaranteed Loan Funds Available

FSA makes and guarantees loans to approved socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches. A SDA farmer is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as a member of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. SDA groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA reserves direct and guaranteed loan funds for SDA persons. Non-reserved funds also can be used by SDA persons. FSA also promotes full participation of SDA producers in FSA programs as well as participation on the FSA county committee. FSA provides information and assistance to applicants to help them develop sound farm management practices for success in farming, ranching, or other agricultural production.



Bobwhite Quail and Native Plant Field Day

The University of Missouri, MU Bradford Research and Extension Center near Columbia, Missouri will host a field day June 18th from 3:00—8:00pm. The workshop is designed to provide information and field tours to those who want to learn more about Bobwhite Quail. Dinner will be provided. For more information or directions contact Tim Reinbott at 573-884-7945, or visit <http://.aes.missouri.edu/Bradford>.

April Select Interest Rates

- ◆ Farm Operating-Direct 2.25%
- ◆ Farm Ownership Direct 4.125%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer 1.5%
- ◆ Emergency 3.75%
- ◆ Farm Storage Facility 2.5%
- ◆ Commodity Grain Loans 1.625%

NASS Statistical Survey

Have you been asked to participate in a survey with USDA's Agriculture Statistics Service?

The Quarterly Agricultural Surveys, conducted by the **National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)**, provide inventory and production estimates for crops and livestock at state and national levels. Each quarter a list sample of farm operators are contacted by mail, telephone or personal interview for inventory information on the land they operate.

Why is it important for producers to participate in these surveys? Because... Statistical information on acreage, production, stocks, prices, and income is essential for the smooth operation of Federal farm programs.

It is also indispensable for planning and administering related Federal and State programs in such areas as consumer protection, conservation and environmental quality, trade, education, and recreation. Regularly updating the information helps ensure an orderly flow of goods and services among agriculture's producing, processing, and marketing sectors.

Reliable, timely, and detailed crop and livestock statistics help maintain a stable economic climate and minimize the uncertainties and risks associated with the production, marketing, and distribution of commodities.

Want To Be SURE?

Crop and Livestock Disaster Assistance Available For Producers Without Insurance Coverage

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will again allow producers who would otherwise be ineligible for the 2008 through 2013 disaster assistance programs to become eligible by paying a buy-in fee. Producers have the opportunity to pay administrative buy-in fees for the SURE program through **May 18, 2009**. By paying the buy-in fee producers could also become eligible for other 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP). **IMPORTANT!** -- Producers buying-in under this exemption will not have insurance or NAP coverage, but are merely fulfilling a requirement to be eligible if the SURE program takes effect for this year.



There is a \$100 "buy-in" fee per crop. The maximum fee is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers, less any previously paid fees for CAT, Nap and any other crop insurance. Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee. When a producer elects the buy-in, he agrees:

- ◆ In the case of each insurable crop, excluding grazing land, 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, to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Please keep in mind that the national price used for these calculations is not known until 12 months after harvest, therefore, the potential program will always run a year behind. Until these prices are known, it is difficult to calculate a potential loss benefit.

Civil Rights Complaint Process

Any person, class, or group of persons has the right to file a discrimination complaint if they believe a FSA-administered program or function, directly or indirectly, results in treatment or services being provided differently because of their bases. Bases include age, color, disability, genetic information, marital or familial status, national origin, parental status, political beliefs, public assistance status, race, religion, reprisal, sex, or sexual orientation.

Complaints must be filed within 180 days from the date the complainant knew or should have known of the alleged discrimination. For more information contact your local FSA for details.

Designation by Landowner Method

If you are a landowner and you plan to sell a portion of your land this provision may apply to you. The Designation by Landowner method is the division of bases in the manner agreed to by both the buyer and seller. The land must be owned for 3-years to qualify for this option. This option allows landowners the opportunity to choose how the base acres associated to the farm are divided.

Producers should be reminded that anytime land is sold the sale should be reported to the county office timely. Failure to report land sales could result in program payment refunds or penalties. Aug. 1st is the final date to request a 2009 reconstitution.



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Producers are reminded when they have an address change due to 911 or relocations, please contact FSA to update your address.

Buy-In Refund Available

Producers that purchased eligibility last fall for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) by paying a \$100.00 "buy-in" for a CAT and/or a NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) policy fee, may request a refund of this fee. A technical correction amended the Risk Management Purchase Requirement. Producers can opt out of purchasing crop insurance and or NAP coverage in the following situations:

- ◆ *crops intended for grazing*
- ◆ *crops that are not economically significant (less than 5% of total crop value of the farming operation)*
- ◆ *crops for which the NAP fee exceeds 10 percent of the value of NAP coverage (\$3636.36 in value for '08 and \$9090.90 for 2009)*

Contact your FSA staff for more information and to request your refund.

Dates to Remember

May 25

Offices Closed for Memorial Day

May 31

Final Date to Request 2008 Crop Corn, Milo, or Soybean Loans or LDPs

June 15

County Committee Office
Nomination Period Begins

June 30

Final Date to File Planted
Acreage Report on Small Grains

July 3

Offices Closed for Independence Day

August 1

COC Election Nominations Due

Ongoing

- ◆ **Update Farm Changes.**
- ◆ **Farm Facility Loans.**



Required Mid-Contract Management Practices for CRP Acreage

If you enrolled land in CRP after the 26th sign-up (contracts that became effective October 1, 2003), certain contracts are required to complete a series of mid-contract management practices on the acreage. These practices include: strip disking, prescribed burning or chemical applications. **These management practices are mandatory and there are no waivers or options to void the requirement to complete them.**

There is a certain time period during each year that the management practice must be performed depending on the established cover. These practices were contained in your conservation plan of operation that you completed with NRCS at the time your acreage was enrolled in CRP. Cost-share is available for all three practices and you must report completion of the practice to your FSA office. If you have any questions concerning these management practices contact your local NRCS office or technical service provider (TSP). Penalties for non-compliance are expensive



Acreage Reporting

Acreage reports on small grains, such as wheat, oats and barley are due by **June 30th**.