



# Clinton County News

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The COC meets the first  
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## 2010 Crop Acreage Reporting Deadlines

Acreage reports are required in order to be eligible for program benefits if you participate in DCP, CRP, ACRE or to apply for grain loans or LDP payments. **Please bring a list of your planting dates with you.**

**July 31 is the deadline to report Spring planted crops, CRP, hay and pasture.** Acreage reported after the deadline will be considered late filed and a measurement service fee (minimum \$46/farm) will be charged for a field visit to verify physical evidence.

Insured NAP crops must be reported by the earlier of 15 days before normal harvest of the crop or its final reporting date. And remember that acres reported to crop insurance should match your FSA reported acres. **Please call 816-539-2136, extension 2, to schedule your acreage reporting appointment as soon as possible.**

## New Form Must be Submitted to IRS by Every Producer

To remain eligible for certain 2009 and 2010 FSA payments, individuals and legal entities will be required to file a **2009 and / or 2010 Consent To Disclosure of Tax Information form (CCC-927 or CCC-928) with the IRS.** By filing this form, producers authorize IRS to disclose to USDA the accuracy of each producer's certifications regarding the AGI limits listed previously. IRS will report to USDA a "Yes" or "No" answer about each producer's eligibility, **but IRS will not provide actual tax data to USDA.**

If you receive payments from FSA, you can request the forms from your local FSA office or go online at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov>.

All persons directly or indirectly receiving program benefits must submit a consent form to retain their USDA benefits subject to AGI provisions.

***It is the producer's responsibility to submit the applicable form to IRS. Failure to do so will result in the loss of all USDA benefits.***

## Filing a Notice of Loss on Failed & Prevented Planted Crops

Affected producers should file a Notice of Loss to report failed acreage and prevented planting of program crops. Failed acreage must be reported to the FSA office within 15 days of the disaster event or when losses become apparent and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date or a late filing fee (\$45 per farm minimum) will be required. If you have had failed or prevented planted crops, please contact the office for complete details.

## COC Election Nominations

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee starts with the nomination of eligible candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign nomination form FSA-669A. The form includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. This form is available at USDA Service Centers and online at:

[http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/fsa0669a\\_commiteelectform.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_commiteelectform.pdf)

This year's election will be in LAA III, consisting of Shoal, Lathrop and Jackson townships.

Nomination forms for the 2010 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 2, 2010. Acri-



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## Farm Reconstitutions

For FSA program purposes, tracts having the same owner and the same operator are grouped under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **August 1** for farms enrolled in specific programs. Following are different methods used when doing a farm recon:

**Estate Method** — the division of bases, allotments and quotas 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.

## Tree Assistance Program

TAP provides help to orchardists and nursery tree growers who produce trees, bushes and vines for commercial purposes, to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines damaged or destroyed by natural disasters. Producers must apply within 90 days of eligible disasters. **Producers must also have purchased a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program**, with the exception of socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers.

The 2008 Farm Bill expanded eligibility to include Christmas tree and nursery tree growers that were ineligible under prior legislation. **Trees grown for pulp or timber are not eligible.** To be eligible producers must have suffered more than a 15 percent death loss due to the natural disaster after adjustment for normal mortality. TAP is a cost-reimbursement program, with payments covering up to 70 percent of replant costs and 50 percent of pruning, removal and other salvaging costs for replacing or salvaging damaged trees. Producers can receive assistance for up to 500 acres of trees, bushes or vines. For more information on the TAP program please contact your county FSA office or access the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tap> .

## Transition Incentives Program

The Transition Incentives Program (TIP) was created to encourage retired or retiring owners or operators to transition their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. TIP sign up began on May 17, 2010. If all program requirements are met, TIP provides annual rental payments to the retiring farmer for up to two additional years after the date of the expiration of the CRP contract, provided the transition is not to a family member. To be eligible, TIP requires that the retired or retiring farmer or rancher:

- Have land enrolled in CRP that is in the last year of the contract.
- Agree to allow the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher make conservation and land improvements.
- Agree to sell, or have a contract to sell, or agree to long-term lease (a minimum of 5 years) the land under CRP contract to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher by Oct. 1 of the year the CRP contract expires.

Generally, TIP only applies to contracts that expire on September 30, 2010, or later. However, retired or retiring owners or operators with CRP contracts that expired on September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2009, may be eligible to enroll in TIP provided all of the following apply:

- The land has not been sold or leased before signing a CRP-TIP Contract
- Producers are otherwise eligible under TIP provisions
- The conservation plan is modified to require sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

To learn more about this program, producers interested in applying and participating in TIP should visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Payment Limitations

Anyone who plans to participate in 2010 programs is required to submit a completed CCC-902, CCC-926, and CCC-901, if applicable, for payment eligibility and payment limitation purposes. The form used prior to 2009 was named CCC-502.

### Contributions

All partners, stockholders, or members with an ownership interest in the legal entity must make a contribution, whether compensated or not compensated, for active--\*

- Personal labor,
- Active personal management,
- Or a combination of active personal labor and active personal management to the farming operation;

\*Note: there are exceptions for spouses.

Person or Legal Entity Payment Limitations	Limitation (in Dollars)
<b>Program Payment Type</b>	2010 / 2011 / 2012
<b>Commodity Programs</b>	
Counter-cyclical and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE), except peanuts	65,000 <u>1/</u>
Counter-cyclical and Average ACRE payments on peanuts	65,000 <u>1/</u>
Direct payments on covered commodities except peanuts	40,000 <u>2/</u>
Direct payments on peanuts	40,000 <u>2/</u>
<b>Conservation Programs</b>	
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payment.	50,000
Cost Conservation Stewardship Program (CSTP) for FY 2009-2012	200,000
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) FY 2009-2012	300,000
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	50,000
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	50,000
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	50,000
<b>Disaster Assistance Programs</b>	
Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP); Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP); Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)	100,000
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)	100,000
Tree Assistance Program (TAP)	100,000
Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP); Marketing Assistance Loans; Marketing loan gain (MLG)	No limits

1/ Under ACRE, this amount will be a combined limitation for counter-cyclical and ACRE payments. If a

person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm participating in

ACRE, this limitation will reflect an increase for the amount that direct payments are reduced.

2/ If the person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm that is in ACRE,

this limitation will reflect a 20 percent reduction in direct payments on each far that is participating in ACRE.

Additional information on payment limitations is available at FSA county offices or on line at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

## Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) sign-up Continues

Sign up for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) on 2008 crops is under way. SURE is a permanent disaster program created by the 2008 Farm Bill that replaces the previous "ad hoc" crop disaster programs of the past. Unlike those disaster programs that paid for losses by unit and crop, **the SURE program is a "total farm" disaster program.** This revenue based program compares crops' expected revenue and program guarantee dollar amounts to the actual crop revenue of the entire farming operation. **Entire farming operation refers to all farms and all interests, in all counties.**

In order to be eligible for payments under SURE, you are required to have carried insurance at the CAT level or better on all insurable crops and NAP coverage on all non-insurable crops (hay for example) with an economic significance of 5% or greater, within the farming operation. In 2009 and subsequent years, RMA's Rainfall Index policy is acceptable coverage for hay acres. For the SURE program, grazing acres do not require coverage.

The SURE program is available to eligible producers if two 'triggers' are met. First, the county must have received a Secretarial Disaster Declaration due to natural disaster, or be contiguous to a county with the declaration. Clinton County had a Secretarial Disaster Declaration in 2008. Second, **at least one crop of economic significance in a producer's operation must have a 10% crop production loss.** For qualifying producers, if the total farm revenue is less than the SURE program guarantee, the SURE payment is made at 60% of the difference. The SURE guarantee is very similar to a producer's crop insurance guarantee. Depending on the coverage levels, the higher the coverage the higher the guarantee level will be. There is an online calculator that can help producers estimate probable payments. You may access the calculator at [www.fsa.usda.gov/mo](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mo).

**If you believe that you might be eligible for SURE, please call 816-539-2136, ext 2.** We will access your RMA (crop insurance) informational downloads and discuss the applicable eligibility requirements with you prior to your office visit.

**Since the SURE program is available through 2011, as a producer, you can prepare your operation for SURE eligibility by insuring all economically significant crops in all counties each year.**

# ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE IS JULY 31<sup>st</sup>

Acreage reports are to be certified by the **July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline on all Spring planted crops, CRP, hay pasture and NAP crops.** For complete details on filing your 2010 acreage report, please see the article on page one of this newsletter.

Acreage reported after the deadline will be considered late filed and a measurement service fee (**minimum \$46/farm**) will be charged for an on farm field visit to confirm the planted acreage.

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, less than 50 percent of the Clinton farms have been reported. **Please call 816-539-2136, extension 2, to schedule your acreage reporting appointment as soon as possible.**

Visit our website at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/mo](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mo)

Dates to Remember	
July 5	Fourth of July Holiday observed – County Offices closed
July 31	Final date to report Spring planted crops, CRP, NAP and hay/pasture
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans

## PREVENTED PLANTING

June 15<sup>th</sup> was the final timely reporting date for **prevented planted corn**. Late filed reports may be made but require a late filing fee of a minimum of \$46 per farm number. July 6<sup>th</sup> is the final timely reporting date for **prevented planted soybeans and grain sorghum**.

## FAILED ACRES

Failed acres should be reported prior to disposition of the crop.

Affected producers are requested to call the office for complete details.

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