



NEWSLETTER



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The County Committee meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 8:00 AM – 12:00PM.

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COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Teresa Johnson! Teresa was re-elected to represent farmers from Lincoln, Hamilton, Colfax, Clay, Washington, Union, Marion, and Madison townships on the county committee. Teresa was elected to her second consecutive term. The election results for Local Administrative Area #1 are:

Teresa Johnson — Elected to the county committee (COC),
Orlin Thomas — 1st alternate to COC,

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation.

2012 DCP/ACRE SIGN-UP

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment began Jan. 23, 2012 and will end June 1, 2012. Here are some IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

All producers planting on **DCP base** acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.

Changes on the farm after enrolling June 1st in DCP/ACRE must be reported to your local FSA office such as:

- Ownership changes
- Producer changes (Individuals and Entities)
- Change in crop shares arrangements

Note: Changes cannot be made after Sept. 30, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SURE)

The sign-up for 2010 losses runs through **June 1, 2012**. The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that incurred in the crop year 2010. SURE is available

to eligible producers on:

- Farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties, that have incurred crop production or quality losses, or both, and includes all crops grown by a producer nationwide, except grazed crops.
- Any farm in which, for the crop year, the actual production on the farm because of disaster-related conditions is 50 percent or less than normal production of the farm.

CRP TRANSITION INCENTIVES PROGRAM (TIP)

Retired or retiring land owners or operators are encouraged to transition their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers through the Transition Incentives Program (TIP) which 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.

Enrollment in CRP-TIP is on a continuous basis. Beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and retiring CRP participants may enroll in CRP-TIP beginning one year before the expiration date of a CRP contract. For example, if a CRP contract is scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 2012, the expiring CRP land may be enrolled and approved subject to funds available for CRP-TIP beginning Oct. 1, 2011, through Sept. 30, 2012. The CRP-TIP application must be submitted prior to implementing the qualifying long term lease agreement or sale of the effected lands. The CRP-TIP application may not be approved after the CRP contract has expired (September 30 of the last year of the CRP contract).

To be eligible, CRP-TIP requires that the retired or retiring farmer or rancher:

- Have land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) that is in the last year of the contract.
- 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.
- Agree to allow the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher make conservation and land improvements in accordance with a conservation plan of operation.

Please contact the local administrating FSA office for more information.

IRS FORM 1099-G

Producers annually receive CCC-1099-Gs detailing payments producers have received from the Commodity Credit Corporation. The annual report of program payments on CCC-1099-Gs is a service

intended to help our customers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the producers' responsibilities to report income to IRS.

FSA staff cannot interpret IRS regulations or advise producers about which payments to report on their income tax returns. However, county office staff can review payments for accuracy.

USDA STREAMLINES COMMON ACREAGE REPORTING DATES

USDA recently established 15 common acreage reporting dates (ARDs) for farmers and ranchers who participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) programs. The common reporting dates will simplify the reporting process for producers and reduce USDA operating costs by sharing similar data with participating agencies. Before the streamlining, FSA had 17 ARDs for 273 crops and RMA had 54 ARDs for 122 crops.

FSA and RMA will implement the July 15, 2012, and August 15, 2012, ARDs for certain commodities during the 2012 crop/program year. The remaining common ARDs will be implemented during the 2013 crop/program year. Stay tuned for crop-specific information.

FSA eAlerts

Missouri FSA introduces FSA eAlerts—a new way to receive FSA program reminders via email or text. You can sign up for eAlerts at your County Office and choose whether you would like to receive information via e-mail, text or both. If you elect to receive information by text, remember standard text messaging rates apply. Consult with your cellular carrier to discuss your text plan details. You can opt out of receiving FSA eAlerts at any time. You will still receive your FSA newsletter, but **Missouri FSA will discontinue sending postcard reminders for upcoming sign ups and deadlines.** FSA eAlerts are provided as an additional service to Missouri FSA producers. Always refer to your county office newsletter for program information and bookmark www.fsa.usda.gov/mo to check back frequently for program deadlines and information.

FOREIGN BUYERS NOTIFICATION

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA. All individuals who are not U.S. citizens, and have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA with 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form (FSA-153) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, Realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

FARMING OPERATION CHANGES

If you have bought or sold land, or if you have added or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to the office as soon as possible. You need to provide a copy of your deed or recorded land contract for purchased property. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties. Making the record changes now will save you time in the spring. Update signature authorization when changes in the operation occur. Producers are reminded to contact the office of a change in operations on a farm so that records can be kept current and accurate.

HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND WETLAND CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

Landowners and operators are reminded that in order to receive payments from USDA, compliance with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions are required. Farmers with HEL determined soils are reminded of tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements as specified per their conservation plan. Producers are to notify the USDA Farm Service Agency prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to insure compliance. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations can result in the loss of eligibility and all Federal payments.

Power of Attorney

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., FSA has a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information.

Bank Account Changes

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office if your account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to your account and routing numbers.

FSA Signature Policy

Using the correct signature when doing business with FSA can save time and prevent a delay in program benefits. The following are FSA signature guidelines:

- Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office
- Spouses shall not sign on behalf of each other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, or other similar entities
- Spouses shall not sign on behalf of each other on a CCC-931 Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information
- Individual signatures are also required on certain Farm Loan Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan documents.

Expiring 2012 CRP Contracts

For CRP acreage to be eligible to be offered if/when a sign up does become available, it must meet all CRP eligibility criteria. Land currently enrolled in CRP that has had tree / brush encroachment over the years will not be eligible unless physically capable of being cropped at the time an offer is made to participate in the CRP program. If your CRP contract expires in 2012 and you wish to offer the acreage back into the program, you should address these problems **now**. Removing trees and fixing ditches does not guarantee enrollment into the CRP program.

Dates to Remember	
January 23	2012 DCP Enrollment begins
January 30	Signup ends for LFP, LIP and ELAP
January 31	Deadline to apply for Unshorn Lamb Pelts Loan Deficiency Payment

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