



FARM SERVICE AGENCY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2010

Signup For DCP and ACRE at County Offices

Producers may now enroll in the 2010 DCP and/or ACRE Annual Farm Program. **Signup ends June 1, 2010.** Eligible producers may request an advance direct payment. These advanced payments are based on 22% of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The ACRE program was new for 2009 and is a farm by farm, irrevocable election.



Missouri District 5

Boone, Callaway, Cole/Miller, Franklin, Gasconade, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, Osage/Maries, St. Charles/St. Louis, and Warren Counties

MARCH 1, 2010

Sure--Disaster Program Available For 2008 Losses

If you experienced revenue losses in 2008 you may qualify for additional assistance. The Supplemental Revenue Disaster Program (SURE) sign-up is underway at your local FSA office.

The SURE program is based on whole farm revenue. It couples production with profits to gauge total farm revenue and potential revenue losses. This means that ALL production, in ALL counties that a producer has an interest will be considered when making a SURE application for payment.

In addition, the SURE program requires that ALL crop interests be insured either through federal crop insurance or Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Previously FSA offered opportunities for producers to meet this requirement by paying "Buy In" fees. These \$100 fees did not purchase insurance; rather they gave producers the opportunity to meet program eligibility requirements. Exceptions do apply to this requirement. Producers should consult with their local office to see if exceptions apply to them. Limited resource, socially disadvantaged or beginning farmer or ranchers are exempt from the insurance purchase requirement. Grazed acres are not required to be insured for the SURE program.

In 2008 all counties in District 5 received a Secretary of Agriculture disaster designation. This qualifies all producers to make a SURE application. Even producers that had losses, but not enough to qualify for an insurance indemnity may qualify. It is in your best interest to check with your county office.

2008 Crop Losses May Be Eligible For Payment. Check with your local office.

Government Payments and Taxes

Producers who earned 2009 payments from FSA should have received their CCC-1099-G. The CCC-1099-G is a tool to help participating producers report taxable income. When the CCC-1099-G is received, it should be checked with your records to see that the amounts are correct. Refunds are no longer reported on the 1099-G.

If you have a question concerning any of the 1099-G information, you may always contact your local FSA office for assistance locating the correct payment data.



578 Crop Reporting Accuracy

Producers are reminded as they prepare for the 2010 growing season the importance of accurate crop acreage reporting. Many programs rely heavily on the accuracy of these reports and it is important that they truly reflect a farming operation. Failure to make accurate acreage reports may result in loss of benefits for producers. This includes all hay and grazed acres.

FSA 'Interest Assistance Program' Can Help With Short Cash Flow

FSA guaranteed loans are available to farmers who receive financing from conventional lenders to obtain the agricultural financing they need.

One way the guaranteed program can really help farmers facing cash flow shortages is through the Interest Assistance Program. This interest rate subsidy is paid by FSA and allows the farmer to reduce the interest rate charged on a short or intermediate operating loan by 4%. If the actual interest rate being charged on a producer's loan is 8.5%, and they qualify for a guaranteed loan with Interest Assistance, the rate paid by the producer would be 4.5%. The usual fee charged for a guaranteed loan is waived for loans that qualify for Interest Assistance.

The interest subsidy can be received for up to 5 years to qualifying persons. This program can be used for new purchases or refinancing of existing debt. The maximum loan allowed with interest assistance \$400,000.00. Contact your area Farm Loan Manager or your current agricultural lender for more information and the various ways the FSA guaranteed program can be a useful financing tool. See more on the web: www.fsa.usda.gov.

March

Select Interest Rates

- ◆ Farm Operating-Direct 3.000%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct 5.125%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer 1.5%
- ◆ Emergency Loans 3.75%
- ◆ Farm Storage Facility Loans
 - *7-year term- 3.15%
 - *10-year term- 3.625%
 - *12-year term- 4.0%
- ◆ Commodity Grain Loans 1.375%

District 5 County Committee Election Results

The FSA County Committee Elections were recently held. The following persons were elected for a three year term to serve their counties effective January 2010.

County	LAA	Townships	Elected Committeeperson
Boone	LAA-2	Rockbridge, Missouri, Katy, and Perche	Troy Douglas
Callaway	LAA-3	Shamrock, Nine Mile Prairie, Auxvasse, St. Aubert, Caldwell, & Cote Sans Dessein	Eugene "Butch" Richards
Cole/Miller	LAA-2	Osage and Liberty	Leon Pleus
	LAA-5	Glaze, Richwood, South Equality and South Osage	Marvin Patterson
Franklin	LAA-3	Lyon west of Hwy 185, Boone, Meramec	Carl Danz
Gasconade	LAA-3	Bourbois, Brush Creek, Canaan	Neil Kramme
Moniteau	LAA-1	Linn/Walker	Doug Strein
Montgomery	LAA-3	Prairie & Upper Loutre	Rodney Allison
Morgan	LAA-3	Moreau and Osage	Miriam Koerner
Osage/Maries	LAA-1	Benton and Linn	Kent Kuschel
	LAA-2	Jackson and Washington	Stanley Deeken
St. Charles/St. Louis	LAA-3	St. Charles and Portage	Dennis Dunkmann
Warren	LAA-3	Hickory Grove, South Elkhorn, and Charrette	Allan Wehrman

Important Announcement—Adjusted Gross Income

The 2008 Farm Bill significantly changed the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitations. New AGI certifications were required prior to producers receiving any 2009 and future program payments. 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.

All producers will be spot checked. USDA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying the adjusted gross income (AGI) levels for farm programs. The agreement ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits. Producers will not be required to bring their tax paperwork into the local offices. New for this year, the **mandatory** forms giving written consent will be required from each producer or payment entity. Forms CCC-927 and 928 enable FSA to work with the IRS to verify that AGI certifications are correct and that only eligible producers are receiving farm program benefits.

These forms went into effect 1/6/2010. If you completed ALL your FSA paperwork prior to this date you need to contact your FSA office about completing this form!

The completed forms must be returned to the Internal Revenue Service within 60 days of the signature date and before June 15, 2010. Failure to file this form with the IRS may result in the refund of 2009 and/or 2010 payments. These forms may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices or online. FSA **CANNOT** mail these forms to IRS on behalf of producers.

Livestock Indemnity Program

The Livestock Indemnity program (LIP) is an ongoing program that compensates producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Adverse weather conditions include lightning, ice storms, flooding, wildfire, blizzard, tornado, extreme heat or cold. Producers are required to file a notice of loss within 30 days of when a loss is apparent. Payment rates per head will be 75% of the market value of livestock, by kind, type & weight range, to be determined by CCC.

To qualify, you must provide documentation of the livestock deaths that you suffered from adverse weather events, normal mortality deaths and your livestock inventory. Vet certifications, insurance documents, dated pictures (close-up & landscape), and other verifiable documentation may be used to prove your losses.

It is very important that eligible losses due to adverse weather be immediately documented and reported by to the FSA office within 30 days of when the loss became apparent! There are no late filing provisions!!! Notices of loss can be filed by phone or in person at the FSA office. Losses due to normal mortality must also be documented with dated pictures. Contact your local County FSA Office for more information on LIP.



March 15th Last Day to Purchase NAP Coverage
New Disaster Programs Require Coverage in Order to Participate

Producers should remember if they want to participate in either the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) or the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) they need to have the appropriate insurance coverage.

The LFP program is designed to cover grazing losses in the event of a drought year. In order to participate in the program producers **MUST** purchase coverage on their pastures. The SURE program requires all crops to be covered by insurance. This includes hay. March 15 is the sales closing date for hay and grazing acres. Policies are \$250 for each crop not to exceed \$750 per county or \$1,750 for all counties. March 15th is also the date for many other fruits and vegetables including watermelons, pumpkins, tomatoes, and cantaloupe. Due to changes in the 2008 farm bill, double crop soybeans or grain sorghum will no longer be available or required for NAP Coverage. Stop by the office to ensure you have the insurance coverage needed to qualify for all of our programs.

District 5 Service Centers

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Boone	Kim Viers, CED 601 Bus Loop 70W, Suite 213E Columbia, MO 65203 573-875-5540 FAX 573-875-5547 COC Meets 2 nd Tues. @ 8:30 am.
Callaway	Darrell Campbell, CED Mark Mudd, FLM 4549 State Rd H Fulton, MO 65251-5465 573-592-1400 FAX 573-592-1450 COC Meets 2 nd Tues. @ 9 am.
Cole-Miller	Drew Parmley, CED Kelly Volmert, FLM 1911 Bogg's Creek Road Jefferson City, MO 65101 573-893-5196 FAX 573-893-7238 COC Meets 1 st Wed. @8:30 am.
Franklin	Sheria Yancey, CED 1004 Vondera Ave., Suite 1 Union, MO 63084-3122 636-583-2303 FAX 636-583-3571 COC Meets 1 st Wed. @ 8:00 am.
Gasconade	316 Olive Street Owensville, MO 65066 573-437-4131 FAX 573-437-4771 COC Meets 2 nd Thurs. @ 8:45 am.
Moniteau	Daryl Raithel, CED 410 West Buchanan California, MO 65018 573-796-4691 FAX 573-796-4520 COC Meets 3 rd Thurs. @ 9 am.
Montgomery	Priscilla Eggering, CED 1013 South Sturgeon Montgomery City, MO 63361-2700 573-564-2262 FAX 573-564-3967 COC Meets 1 st Tues. @ 9 am.
Morgan	Dennis Schad, CED 100 S Burke Street Versailles, MO 65084 573-378-4589 FAX 573-378-6163 COC Meets 2 nd Fri. @ 9 am.
Osage-Maries	Randy Frisbee, CED 1315 East Main Street Linn, MO 65051 573-897-2138 FAX 573-897-4107 COC Meets 2 nd Thurs. @ 8:30 am.
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Dates to Remember

March 15

Final Sale Date for 2010 NAP for Forage and Spring Seeded Crops

March 18

Montgomery Co. USDA Service Center
Farmer Appreciation
Open House
11 am -6 pm

March 18

Moniteau Co. USDA Service Center
Farmer Appreciation
Open House
11 am -1 pm

March 31

Final Date for Small Grains Loans

May 31

Final Date for Corn, Soybeans Loans

June 1

DCP/ACRES Sign Up Ends

Ongoing

Wheat, Barley, Other Small Grain
Acreage Reporting

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Ruts May Result in Penalties

Conservation Compliance Important to Remember for 2010

Last year's above normal rainfall made fall harvest a challenge. Many producers were forced to complete their harvest under extremely wet conditions that resulted in ruts. In most cases the damaged fields will need a little TLC prior to spring planting.

Conservation compliance is still required for participation in farm programs. Producers need to review their Conservation Plan of Operation (CPO) with NRCS. **Extra tillage trips to remove ruts and level fields may require a temporary variance** to the CPO in order not to be in violation of conservation compliance. Contact your local FSA or NRCS before fieldwork begins to protect program eligibility.



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