



FARM SERVICE AGENCY

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

Attention :

Husbands and Wives

A husband and wife may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office from either spouse. Husbands and wives, like other entities, who have "official" joint ventures or partnerships must have a power of attorney on file to sign for the entity.



**2010 Final Planting Dates
For Crop Insurance**

Corn—May 25 (Morgan, Miller, & Maries Counties)

Corn—May 31 (all other counties)

Grain Sorghum—June 20

Soybeans—June 20



Missouri District 5

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

APRIL 27, 2010

FINAL DEADLINE—June 1, 2010

June 1, 2010 will be your last opportunity to enroll in this year's Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program. The June 1, 2010 deadline is mandatory for all participants. **Late filed applications will not be available.**

Producers eligible for DCP are also eligible to enroll into the ACRE program as an alternative to the counter-cyclical portion of DCP. The enrollment period for ACRE began last fall. Check with your office for more information.

DCP Sign-Up Now!

- ◆ ***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.***

Prevented, Damaged, or Failed Acres??

When bad weather prevents planting or damages crops, producers are required to report the acreage to FSA. This applies to all crops, whether covered by crop insurance or not. Producers need to contact the FSA office within 15 days from the date damage occurred or is apparent.



At the office, producers will file any needed acreage report and also a Notice of Loss form (FSA-576). Producers filing prevented planting, will establish that all cropland feasible to plant but prevented from being planted was affected by a natural disaster rather than a management decision. Intentions to plant a crop will need to be provided. These intentions might include disking the land, orders for purchase of seed, delivery of seed and fertilizer, or financing documents.

Producers who have their crops insured through a private crop insurance company are also required to contact their insurance agent. Crops not covered with a private insurance should still be reported to the local FSA office. This will provide FSA with a historical record of your crop should the SURE program become available. For more information about reporting prevented planting or failed acres, contact your local office.

ACREage Reports

Producers are reminded as they finish 2010 spring planting to report their acres with planting dates to the office. Both DCP and CRP participants are required to report all acreages to maintain eligibility and receive payments.

April

Select Interest Rates

- Farm Operating-Direct 3.000%
- Farm Ownership-Direct 5.125%
- Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer- 1.500%
- Emergency Loans 3.750%
- Farm Storage Facility Loans
 - *7-year term 3.150%
 - *10-year term 3.625%
 - *12-year term 4.000%
- Commodity Grain Loans 1.375%

Fruit and Vegetable Planting Restrictions

2008 Farm Bill regulates the planting of fruit and vegetables on DCP base acres. According to FSA policy, fruits and vegetables are prohibited from being planted on base acres, unless one of the following exceptions apply:

- *Double-cropped with a traditional DCP covered commodity*
- *Farm has a history of planting a fruit or vegetable (not crop specific)*
- *Producer has a history of planting a fruit or vegetable (crop specific)*

If you plan to plant fruit or vegetables on DCP crop base acres, or on base acres associated with the farm, please visit the local office to ensure you will not be penalized.

Producers are reminded when they have an address change, please contact FSA to update your information

Loans Available for Socially Disadvantaged Groups

The Farm Service Agency has loan programs available to assist members of socially disadvantaged groups. These groups include Hispanics, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, African Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and Women. Loans available include direct and guaranteed loans. Direct loans are originated at the local Farm Service Agency office. Guaranteed loans are requested by a commercial lender who, if approved, is provided with a guarantee against loss. Loan funds can be used to purchase real estate, equipment, livestock, or to provide operating credit. Eligibility requirements are similar to other FSA loan programs, but specific funds have been reserved for socially disadvantaged applicants. Contact your local Farm Service Agency Office for additional information.

Controlled Substance

Program participants convicted under federal or state law of planting, cultivating, growing, producing, harvesting or storing of a controlled substance are ineligible for program payments and benefits in the current year and four succeeding crop years. Affected programs include direct and counter-cyclical payments, price support loans, loan deficiency payments, market loan gains, storage payments, farm facility loans, and disaster payments.

Civil Rights Complaint Process

As a participant or applicant for programs or activities operated, or sponsored by USDA you have a right to be treated fairly. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, disability, or marital or familial status, you may file a discrimination complaint. The complaint should be filed with the USDA Office of Civil Rights within 180 days of the date you became aware of the alleged discrimination. To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250 or call 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Special Accommodations Available

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the county FSA office directly or by phone.

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. Foreign persons who 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 could result in civil penalties of up to 25% of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and those involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

Landowner Designation

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 both the seller and buyer the opportunity to choose how the base acres associated to the farm are divided and both the seller and buyer of the land sign to the agreement (Form FSA-155), unless a memorandum of understanding is provided. This memorandum must also be signed by both parties outlining how base acres are to be distributed.

Anytime land is sold, producers should report the sale to the county office timely. Failure to report sales could result in program payment refunds or penalties on participating program farms.

County Committee Nominations

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office committees (COC) is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. FSA committee persons are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers who serve on committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

The nomination period for county committee members begins June 15th. Request nomination forms from your local USDA Service Center or obtain one online at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A agreeing to serve if elected. Nomination forms for the 2010 election must be post-marked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 2, 2010.



District 5

Service Centers

Michelle Motley
District Director
573-229-5047

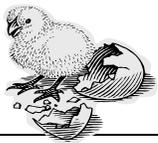
Boone	Kim Viers, CED 601 Bus Loop 70W, Suite 213E Columbia, MO 65203 573-875-5540 FAX 573-875-5547 COC Meets 2 nd Tues. @ 8:30 am.
Callaway	Darrell Campbell, CED Mark Mudd, FLM 4549 State Rd H Fulton, MO 65251-5465 573-592-1400 FAX 573-592-1450 COC Meets 2nd Tues. @ 9 am.
Cole-Miller	Drew Parmley, CED Kelly Volmert, FLM 1911 Bogg's Creek Road Jefferson City, MO 65101 573-893-5196 FAX 573-893-7238 COC Meets 1st 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 1st Wed. @ 8:00 am.
Gasconade	Abby Inglis, CED 316 Olive Street Owensville, MO 65066 573-437-4131 FAX 573-437-4771 COC Meets 2 nd Thurs. @ 8:45 am.
Moniteau	Daryl Raithe, 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 1st Tues. @ 9 am.
Morgan	Dennis Schad, CED 100 S Burke Street Versailles, MO 65084 573-378-4589 FAX 573-378-6163 COC Meets 2nd Fri. @ 9 am.
Osage-Maries	Randy Frisbee, CED 1315 East Main Street Linn, MO 65051 573-897-2138 FAX 573-897-4107 COC Meets 2nd Thurs. @ 8:30 am.
St.Louis-St. Charles	Connie Gibson, CED 160 St. Peters Centre Blvd. St. Peters, MO 63376 636-922-2833 FAX 636-922-2840 COC Meets: COC Meets 2nd Wed. @ 9am
Warren	Ryan Eddy, CED 635 W. Booneslick RD Warrenton, MO 63383 636-456-3433 FAX 636-456-3712 COC Meets 1st Mon. @ 9 am

New County Executive Directors in District

Connie Gibson was named as the new CED for St. Charles/St. Louis Counties. Connie is originally from the Lincoln county area and has worked for FSA for 27 Years.

The Gasconade County office also has a new CED, Abby Inglis. Abby hails from the southern part of the state where she started her career with FSA in Bolivar, Missouri. She looks forward to serving the producers of Gasconade County.

If you have any questions, concerns or just want to say hello, Connie and Abby encourage their producers to stop by the offices anytime.



Primary Nesting Season—May 1st through July 15th

NO CRP Maintenance During These Dates

CRP General Sign-Up Expected

FSA anticipates a Conservation Reserve Program General Sign-Up in 2010. Producers are reminded that land **must** be physically capable of being cropped to be offered for the CRP sign-up.

Watch for more details regarding eligibility years and sign-up dates in upcoming newsletters.



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Official Business

Dates to Remember

May 31

Final Date For Corn And Soybeans
Grain Loans

May 31

Offices Closed
Memorial Day

June 1

DCP/ACRE Sign Up Ends

June 30

Final Day To Report Wheat, Barley,
And Other Small Grain Acres

July 31

Final Day To Report All Spring
Planted Crops, Hay, Pasture, And
CRP Acres

July 31

Final Day To Provide Production
Evidence For ACRE Farms

Reminder:

Have You Mailed Your
Completed IRS/USDA Consent
Form?

Wheat, Barley, and Oats Reports Due by June 30

County offices are currently taking 2010 crop reports with planting dates. Producers should also report CRP and permanent pasture acres at this time.

A complete acreage report on **all cropland** must be filed in order to receive program payments. The deadline for small grains is **June 30, 2010**. The final reporting date on all cropland is **July 31, 2010**.

Reminders: Check planted acres, planting dates, and crop shares. Acreage and shares should accurately reflect the farming operation and be consistent with USDA Farm Programs, crop insurance, and crop sales receipts. Program benefits depend on shares being reported correctly. Producers should consider reporting at FSA prior to reporting to their crop insurance agent.



Conservation Field Day Schedule in June

Bradford Farm near Columbia will once again be hosting a Conservation Field day June 17, 2010. Producers interested in wildlife, alternative fuels, and livestock are invited to attend.

The event features indoor workshops beginning at 2 p.m., and field tours beginning at 4 p.m. Field tours will continue thru 8 p.m. Reservations are not necessary for the event. If you need more information contact Tim Reinbott at 573-884-7945



“Late-filed ELAP (Emergency Livestock Assistance) applications for 2008 and 2009 calendar year losses of honeybees, and farm-raised fish and bait will be accepted through May 5, 2010.”

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