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ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Since we have limited newsletter printing, and space in newsletters is valuable, Farm Service Agency is providing a link to the Missouri FSA homepage. You may visit the website at www.fsa.usda.gov/mo and on the right side of the screen in the "I Want To..." section, click on "View 2012 Producer Reminders".

This site will provide some very important reminders concerning FSA administrative functions such as Direct Deposit and County Committees, and FSA program information such as Signup Deadlines and Acreage Reporting. Visiting this site periodically will keep you current with the latest program information and may prevent you from missing a program signup deadline.

2012 DCP/ACRE SIGN-UP

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

- All producers with an interest in DCP base acres must be included on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.
- All producers receiving a share greater than zero on the DCP/ACRE contract must sign the contract no later than June 1, 2012.
- 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 share arrangements.

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

NEW CONTINUOUS CRP INITIATIVE

FSA has announced new conservation initiative to protect up to 750,000 acres of the

nation's most highly erodible croplands. This initiative will assist producers with targeting their most highly erodible cropland (land with an erodibility index of 20 or greater) by enabling them to plant wildlife-friendly, long-term cover through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Producers can enroll land on a continuous basis beginning this summer at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office. With the use of soil survey and geographic information system data, local FSA staff can quickly determine a producer's eligibility for the initiative. Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office or visit FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp for additional information regarding CRP.

MILC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Dairy producers must meet program requirements in order to maintain eligibility in the event that prices drop and trigger a MILC payment. To



maintain program eligibility, MILC participants must notify their local FSA office of any operation changes, such as a change in producer, shares, address or bank routing number. In order for dairy producers to receive a MILC payment, they must meet adjusted gross income (AGI) requirements by completing, "CCC-931 - AGI Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information." Dairy producers who want to enroll in MILC must fill out, "CCC-580 - Milk Income Loss Contract" and select a start-month for which the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will begin issuing payments to the dairy operation. Current dairies that participate in MILC can make changes to their start-month with certain restrictions. Any start-month changes must be made on or before the 14th of the month before the selected MILC production start-month. The change must also be made before requesting payment and before the original MILC production start-month has passed. Changes to the dairy operation start-month must be designated on FSA's form, "CCC-580M - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Modification." For more information about the MILC program, please contact your local FSA office or visit the web at:

www.fsa.usda.gov/

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 occurred during the 2010 crop year. 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.

ACTIVELY ENGAGED

USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by FSA. Normally the stockholder or a member of a legal entity **must** make contributions of active personal labor and/or active personal management for the farming operation. The contributions are to be performed on regular basis, must be identifiable, and separate from the contributions of others. The exception to this rule for a stockholder or member of a legal entity only occurs when both of the following apply:

- At least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management; and
- The total direct payments received by the legal entity and each of the members can't exceed \$40,000.

IMPORTANT - AGI RECONCILIATION PROCESS

FSA's "**Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Reconciliation Process**" begins when FSA is notified that the IRS has not received a valid

“Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information”

form. There are two distinct reasons a producer is included on an FSA AGI Reconciliation Report:

1. IRS did not receive a consent form from the producer or
2. IRS rejected the consent form.

If IRS notifies FSA of one of the above situations, FSA’s National Office directs the producer’s Recording FSA County office to reconcile the report. The county office staff will then contact a producer and have them complete a CCC-931 ***“Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information”***.

It is then the FSA County Office responsibility to mail the completed CCC-931 consent form to IRS. ***Failure to provide the required “Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information” forms may render a producer ineligible for FSA program benefits and require repayment of benefits received.*** Producers who have already submitted CCC-931 for 2009, 2010 and 2011 require no further action.

MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS

Marketing Assistance Loans, also referred to as Commodity Loans, are available to producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, you must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if you regain beneficial interest. Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans.

The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.

FINAL AVAILABILITY DATES FOR MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS

- May 31-Cotton, Corn, Dry Peas, Grain Sorghum, Lentils, Mustard Seed, Rice, Safflower Seed, Chickpeas, Soybeans, Sunflower Seed

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a minimum down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. If a participant provides 20% or greater down payment, then the requirement for a severance agreement for loans under \$50,000 will be waived. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department. Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount not to exceed \$250,000. Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain
- Pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables - cold storage facilities
- Honey

FSA eALERTS

Missouri FSA introduces FSA eAlerts—a new way to receive FSA program reminders via e-mail 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.

Dates to Remember	
June 1	DCP Program Signup
June 1	2010 SURE Program Signup
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Selected Interest Rates for April 2012	
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	1.25%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	3.375%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.50%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 7-yr.	1.50%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 10-yr.	2.125%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 12-yr.	2.375%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.125%



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