



NEWSLETTER



District 8

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Butler, MO 64730
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Stockton, MO 65785
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Dade County FSA
Greenfield, MO 65661
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Hermitage, MO 65668
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Jackson County FSA
Blue Springs, MO 64015
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Carthage, MO 64836
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Mount Vernon, MO
65712
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Newton/ McDonald FSA
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2012 DCP & ACRE Sign up deadline is June 1, 2012

2012 ACRE Election by June 1, 2012

2010 SURE disaster sign up deadline is June 1, 2012

Wheat, Barley, Oats and other small-grains reported by (**July 2, 2012**)

Corn, Soybeans, Milo, CRP, grass and other spring crops reported by (**July 16, 2012**)

2011 **ACRE production** is due by the crop reporting deadlines

2012 DCP/ACRE SIGN-UP (YEARLY PAYMENTS)

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment will began Jan. 23, 2012 and will end June 1, 2012. 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), & changes in crop shares arrangements

THE ACRE OPTION

The Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. A farm's direct payment is reduced. The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE.

SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SURE)

The sign-up for 2010 losses has begun and 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 with greater than 10% or 50% loss based on Secretarial determination. Contact your local office for more information.

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.

ELECTION NOTIFICATION

USDA and FSA are committed to increasing the participation of all farmers including women, minorities and beginning farmers. Please contact the local FSA office with questions on voter eligibility.



For election purposes, counties are divided into local administrative areas, or LAA's. Each LAA selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency County Committee. Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three year term is expiring. The nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at the county office or may be downloaded online at www.fsa.usda.gov or call an FSA office and request a FSA-669 to be mailed out. All interested parties must complete the petition and return to their local office by August 1, 2012.

SEE THE FOLLOWING LISTED COUNTIES:

Barton-LAA #2 encompassing the eastern 1/3 of the county

Barry-LAA#1 encompassing the eastern 1/3 of the county

Bates-LAA#1 encompassing the western third of the county

Cass- LAA #1- encompassing South West townships

Cedar-LAA#3-Box and Cedar Townships

Dade-LAA # 2 townships-Marion, Cedar, North, Earnest and the west ½ of Sac Township

Hickory- LAA#1 townships- Montgomery, Tyler and Weaubleau

Jackson- LAA #3 –encompassing Central Jackson County

Jasper-LAA #1 –encompassing the west third of the county. Townships including Jasper, Duval, Twin Groves, Mineral, Galena, and Joplin.

Lawrence-LAA# 3 townships-Aurora, Spring River, Turnback and Buck Prairie

Newton-LAA#1-Townships: Neosho, Marion, Shoal Creek.LAA#3-Townships: Granby, Van Buren, Newtonia, Berwick, Benton, Franklin

ST. Clair-LAA#3 townships Jackson, Polk, Dallas, Collins and Washington

VERNON- LAA# 2 including the townships of Center, Drywood, Coal, Harrison, Deerfield and Moundville

USDA MINORITY FARM REGISTER

The USDA Minority Farm Register is a tool to promote equal access to USDA farm programs and services for minority farmland owners, farmers, ranchers, tenants, and other individuals with an agricultural interest. Participants may receive information or be personally contacted through USDA outreach efforts. Participation in the Register is voluntary. All minority persons involved in farming or ranching are encouraged to participate. The information you provide may be shared through the USDA Office of Outreach with other USDA-approved outreach partners such as community-based organizations, educational institutions, and other government agencies. If you are involved with farming or ranching and wish to be included in the Minority Farm Register, there is a form you can obtain at the local FSA office. If you have questions about the register, please contact 1-866-538-2610 (toll-free).

Departmental Regulations established policy for collecting race, ethnicity, and gender data for conducting oversight and evaluation of civil rights compliance in programs offered by USDA. Form AD-2106 will be made available to each program participant during signup to collect this data. Even though providing the data is voluntary, FSA encourages participants to complete the form so that FSA can keep our records current.

BANK & FARM OPERATION CHANGES

Almost all payments are made with direct deposit, so payments only go thru if we have the correct Bank. If you have bought or sold land, or if you have added or dropped rented land from your operation please report the changes to the office. You may need to provide a

copy of your deed or recorded land contract for purchased property.

COMMODITY LOANS

Commodity loans, also referred to as Marketing Assistance 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.

Commodity loans are short term loans limited to 9 months. Producers who take out marketing assistance loans and use the farm-stored grain as collateral should remember that they are responsible for maintaining the quality of the grain through the term of the loan. If loan grain has been disposed of through feeding, selling or any other form of disposal without prior written authorization from the county office staff, it is considered **unauthorized disposition**. Financial penalties for unauthorized dispositions are severe and a producers name will be placed on a loan violation list. Always call before you haul any grain under loan.

MILC PAYMENT

Dairy producers are reminded that the drop in milk price triggered a Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) payment of \$0.3895043 per hundredweight for February production and \$0.8262432 for March. The maximum production limitation for FY2012 is 2.985 million pounds per dairy operation.

Eligible dairy producers must provide milk marketing's for February & March to the FSA office to receive payment. Dairy producers must meet adjusted gross income (AGI) requirements.

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available. Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

CIVIL RIGHTS/DISCRIMINATION 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 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD), USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

A complaint must be filed within 180 calendar days from the date the complainant knew, or should have known, of the alleged discrimination

Hispanic and Women Farmer Claims Process:
www.farmerclaims.gov or call 1-888-508-4429

Pigford – The Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation:

www.blackfarmercase.com or call 1-866-950-5547

Keepseagle - The Native American Farmers Class Action Settlement:

www.IndianFarmClass.com or call 1-888-233-5506

LOANS FOR THE SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED

FSA has loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches. While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided targeted funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged groups. A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of a group. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

Dreaming of a new grain handling facility, bin or even a hay barn? Ask your local FSA office about low interest financing for your next project.

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.

Moving to electronic notifications via email and text will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

BEGINNING FARMERS & RANCHERS

FSA assists beginning farmers and ranchers in financing agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans.

Dates to Remember	
May 28	Holiday - FSA offices closed
June 1	DCP & ACRE & 2010 SURE
July 2	Wheat, Barley, Oat and other small grains reported
July 4	Holiday-FSA office closed
July 16	Corn, Soybeans, Milo, CRP, grass reported
Ongoing	Continuous CRP sign up
Selected Interest Rates for May 2012	
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	1.5%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	3.5%
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%