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USDA Helps Retiring Farmers Transition their Land to Beginning Farmers in New Farm Bill Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. – May 14, 2010 - Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan today announced the Transition Incentives Program (TIP) - a new program under the Conservation Title of the 2008 Farm Bill - to encourage retired or retiring owners or operators to transition their land to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

"Ensuring that our nation's land is returned to production using sustainable methods is critical not only for our future food supply, but also for the economic future of our rural communities," said Merrigan. "Access to land is one of the greatest challenges faced by new farmers. The Transition Incentives Program is one more tool in the USDA toolkit to protect family farms and support beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers."

Producers who want to apply for the TIP can start signing up on Monday, May 17, 2010. If all program requirements are met, TIP 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. To learn more about program, producers interested in applying and participating in TIP should visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

To be eligible, 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 allow the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher make conservation and land improvements.
- 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.

Supporting local economies and providing opportunities for beginning or socially disadvantaged Americans with a desire to farm or ranch is one of the many ways USDA are working to rebuild and revitalize rural America.



Farm Loan personnel is available at the Rosebud County FSA office on the second Tuesday of every month.

Contact Jeff Janshen, Farm Loan Manager (406)232-7905
If you have any questions, or would like to schedule an appointment.

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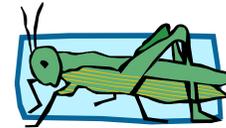
All FSA Programs require annual crop reports to be on file in the FSA office. The deadline to file your 2010 acreage reports is July 15, 2010. There are new reporting requirements for all cropland and rangeland for various program eligibility. Failure to report your acreage with the Farm Service Agency office may cause you to lose FSA program benefits.

Adjusted Gross Income:

The 2008 Farm Bill states that an individual or entity shall not be eligible to receive commodity program benefits as specified in the bill if the average adjusted gross non-farm income (AGI) of the individual or entity exceeds \$500,000. An individual or entity shall not be eligible to receive direct DCP payments if their average adjusted gross farm income exceeds \$750,000. An individual or entity shall not be eligible to receive conservation program benefits if their average adjusted gross non-farm income exceeds \$1,000,000 unless more than 66.6% of their adjusted gross income was derived from farm sources. Revisions to what is considered 'farm' income versus 'nonfarm' income have been made; please contact this office for additional details. Noncompliance with the AGI provisions, either by exceeding the applicable limitations or failure to submit the applicable certification statement, will result in ineligibility for all program benefits subject to the AGI provisions; program benefits shall be reduced in an amount that is commensurate with the direct and indirect interest held by an ineligible individual or entity in any entity, general partnership, or joint operation that receives benefits subject to the AGI limitation.

Information on programs administered by FSA in MT and individual county office newsletters are available at:
www.fsa.usda.gov/mt.

Deadline to return COC nomination forms is August 2nd. The following LAA's are open for nominations:
LAA 1-2 in Rosebud Co. - currently represented by Robert Sorenson
LAA 1-3 in Treasure Co. - currently Represented by Dallas Steiger



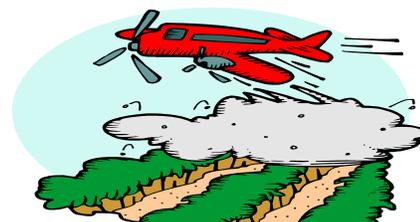
Expected Grasshopper Outbreak Funds Available

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the availability of emergency funding to conduct suppression treatments that will protect up to 4 million acres of rangeland in some western states potentially impacted by expected grasshopper outbreaks this year.

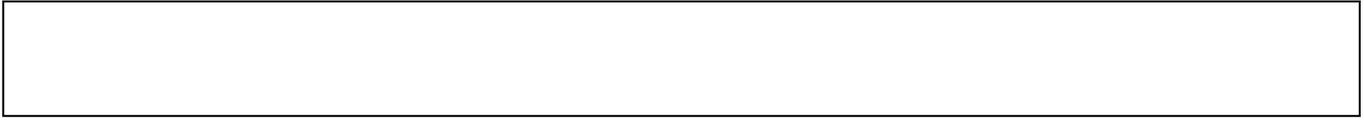
The nearly \$11 million in funding is being made available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Suppression Program and will be used primarily for the application of aerial and ground insecticide treatments in response for requests for assistance in outbreak areas. APHIS will use the funds in areas identified by ongoing APHIS surveys as facing economically significant outbreaks. The goal of the program is to suppress grasshopper and/or Mormon cricket populations during outbreak years, not to eradicate grasshoppers, which are native species and an important part of the rangeland ecosystem.

Surveys conducted by APHIS at the end of summer 09 revealed very high number of adult grasshoppers in many western states, indicating that a large number of eggs may have been laid. As a result, APHIS is expecting potentially heavy grasshopper outbreaks this year in a number of western states beginning in early June and lasting through the summer.

More information is available online at www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/hot_issues/grasshopper/index.shtml

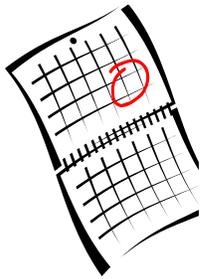


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Important Dates to Remember

June 15 – COC nominations begin

July 15 – Acreage Report deadline

July 15 – Final NAP production reports due for 2009

July 15 – Final date to file 2009 crop application for NAP payment

July 15 – Deadline to Report Production for ACRE

August 1 – Farm Reconstitution Request Deadline

August 2 – Last Day for FSA to Accept COC Election Nominations

Sign up is still available for 2008 SURE

CRP OWNERS & OPERATORS,

If the farm is in violation of CRP contract terms and conditions, each person who signed the CRP contract for a share greater than zero is ***jointly and severally liable*** for any payment reduction or refunds that may become due because of noncompliance. Potential violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unauthorized haying, grazing, harvesting or other commercial use of CRP
- Disturbing the CRP cover during the primary nesting and brood rearing season, check your Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO) for the primary nesting season dates that apply to your contract.
- Violation of the state noxious weed laws.
- Failure to control undesirable weeds, insects or pests.
- Failure to establish the approved vegetative cover within the specified time frames.

FSA will be completing random spot checks of CRP contracts, in particular, those seeded or re-seeded in 2008, 2009 or 2010.

Non-control of weeds will be the primary purpose for these spot checks.