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Changes in Payment Limitations

The payment limitation provisions over the last 39 years have been expanded to more programs. Some of the changes in this area are listed below.

New forms for 2009 and subsequent years

Anyone planning to participate in 2009 programs is required to submit a completed CCC-902, CCC-926, and CCC-901, if applicable, for payment eligibility and payment limitation purposes. The form used prior to 2009 was titled CCC-502.

Another change for 2009, all must make a contribution in an entity

All partners, stockholders, or members with an ownership interest in the legal entity must make a contribution, whether compensated or **not** compensated, for active--*

- personal labor,
- active personal management,
- or a combination of active personal labor and active personal management to the farming operation;

*Note: there are exceptions for spouses.

Person or Legal Entity Payment Limitations	Limitation (in Dollars)
Program Payment Type	2009/ 2010/ 2011/20012
Commodity Programs	
Counter-cyclical and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE), except peanuts	65,000 <u>1/</u>
Direct payments on covered commodities except peanuts	40,000 <u>2/</u>

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payment.	50,000
Cost Conservation Stewardship Program (CSTP) for FY 2009-2012	200,000
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) FY 2009-2012	300,000
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	50,000
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	50,000
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	50,000
Disaster Assistance Programs	
Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP); Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP); Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)	100,000
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)	100,000
Tree Assistance Program (TAP)	100,000
Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP); Marketing Assistance Loans; Marketing loan gain (MLG)	No limits

DCP & ACRE Signup Extended

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program has been **extended until August 14, 2009**. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications. Signup in the **ACRE** option is also available through **August 14, 2009**.



FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price.

Acreage Reporting

Acreage reporting time is here. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. Acreage reports are to be completed and certified no later than June 15, 2009, on small grains and no later than July 15, 2009, deadline on all other crops, this includes grazing land and BLM/FS permits.

ACRE Signup is Ongoing

The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program signup began April 27, 2009, and runs through August 14, 2009. The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price.

Commodities eligible for ACRE payments are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, and oats, among others.

The ACRE program was created to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments. Producers may elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

NAP Production Reporting

Production records for individual crops must be filed with the local office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year of NAP participation, a Producer can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish Producer's yield. If a NAP participant in previous years, production and acreage must be reported on a yearly basis to keep the yield up-to-date. Records must be reliable and verifiable and need to show crop disposition. It is recommended producers submit 2008 production records as soon as possible after harvest. **All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.**

Timely Filing of Loss

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required on for ALL CROPS INCLUDING GRASSES. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576 (notice of loss) in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP)

For producers who purchased 2009 NAP coverage there are some very important dates and requirements that must be adhered to in order to stay in compliance with the program.

2009 acreage reports are **due** no later than **June 15, 2009, for any type of grain crops. For all other crops, including grazing, the acreage report must be completed by July 15, 2009.** This is an annual requirement, whether or not anything has changed from prior years, and it must be completed for all





grazing land, privately owned as well as BLM and FS permits. An appointment needs to be made with the Office to come in and review your maps and report what you intend to do with each field, such as hay the field or graze the field(s). This may take an hour or more, so it is requested that you schedule the time with the Office so accurate information can be recorded.

If you are affected by the drought again this year and think that you may not put up as much hay in 2009, you must complete the acreage report for 2009 together with a Notice of Loss on your hay crop. This must be done after the acreage report but within 15 days of you thinking you may have a loss due to a natural disaster.

If you have completed your 2009 acreage report and feel there is a loss on your grazing, you must notify the Office and complete a Notice of Loss within 15 days of thinking that you may have suffered a loss.



A Notice of Loss does not guarantee that you will qualify for a payment; the County Office cannot file the Notice of Loss for you. Producers are responsible for filing Notices of Loss.

Please contact the Office for other requirements and to schedule an appointment to complete your 2009 Acreage Report.

Selected Interest Rates for June 2009	
Farm Operating - Direct	2.250%
Farm Ownership - Direct	4.250%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Down Pmt	1.500%
Emergency	3.750%

2009 Compliance

Compliance and spot checks will once again be utilized during the 2009 crop year. Instead of locally selecting farms, contracts, deficiency loans, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers is used to achieve an adequate statistical sampling of participating producers. Spot check selections are to be conducted based on a producer's participation in Conservation Reserve Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Loan Deficiency Program, etc.



NOTICE: Office Dates

Micki Wines, Farm Loan Officer, will be in the Ely FSA Office June 22nd through June 25th. The ELY OFFICE will be closed on June 26th and will not reopen until July 7th because the Program Tech will be on vacation during that period of time. If you need assistance, please call the Elko FSA Office at **775 738 6445 ext. 2** and someone there will assist you.

Sodbusting

The term "sodbusting" is used to identify the plowing up of erosion-prone grasslands for use as cropland. Sodbuster violations are unauthorized tillage practices on highly erodible lands that converted native vegetation such as rangeland or woodland, to crop production after Dec. 23, 1985.

Farmers and ranchers should be aware that if they use highly erodible land for crop production without proper conservation measures, they risk losing eligibility to participate in Farm Service Agency programs.

Before producers clear, plow or otherwise prepare areas not presently under crop production for planting, they are required to file an AD-1026, indicating the area to be brought into production.

If Natural Resources Conservation Service indicates on a CPA-026 that the area will be highly erodible land, the producer will be required to develop and implement a conservation plan on the affected acreage, before bringing land into production.

In addition, producers and the producer's affiliates have to file an AD-1026 with the staff in the administrative or control county office before any farm program payments can be made. The AD-1026 is the producer's signed certification that HELC, as well as wetland conservation, provisions will not be violated.

Important Date to remember!

Last date to complete nomination form for County Committee election – August 3, 2009



Dates to Remember	
August 14	ACRE program signup deadline
June 15	COC Nominations Open
June 15	Deadline to complete 2009 Acreage Report on all grain crops
July 3	Independence Day Holiday -Office Closed
July 15	Deadline to complete 2009 Acreage Report for all other crops (including grazing)
August 14	DCP & ACRE signup deadline
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

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