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**DCP / ACRE Signup** - Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) will continue through June 1, 2010. USDA urges producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up, or producers can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP contract. Producers eligible for the DCP Program may instead choose to enroll in the optional Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program which 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. The USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.



**AGI Verification** - Per National regulation, if any program participant has not already submitted a "2009 and/or 2010 Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information" form (CCC-927) for individuals or a (CCC-928) for entities, that should be done as soon as possible. Due to a partnership between USDA and the IRS, this form verifies AGI compliance certifications (CCC-926 "Average Adjusted Gross Income Statement") required for payment eligibility. The CCC-927/8 is available at local FSA offices, and **must be received by the IRS within 60 days of signature**, with a **final deadline of June 15, 2010**. Submission of this form is required by all who submitted CCC-926; failure to timely file the disclosure will result in the refund of 2009 and/or 2010 program benefits received from FSA and NRCS.

**NAP Coverage Deadlines** - Noninsured Crop Disaster applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and service fee must be filed by the crop deadline date. Contact your local FSA office for the filing dates for your crops. The service fee is \$250 per crop per county or \$750 per producer per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$1,875 per producer for individuals with farming interests in multiple counties. Limited resource producers may request a waiver for service fees.

**Acreage Reporting** - Timely and accurate annual reporting of acres for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments. Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. Crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported. Producers need to file their acreage reports by **July 15, 2010** for Spring planted crops. Any prevented-planting acreage needs be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Reports of failed acreage must be to the satisfaction of the County Committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.



**SURE Signup** - Signup for the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) is ongoing. SURE 2008 is for those who suffered crop production losses during crop year 2008.

**County Committee Elections** – Nominations for candidates for the Farm Service Agency’s County Committee election representing Local Administrative Area #2 (Middlesex County) will be accepted starting June 15 through Aug. 1, 2010. Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the County Committee. Minority and female farmers are encouraged to participate in this important nomination process. A nomination form (FSA-669A) and details may be picked up at your local USDA Service Center, FSA county office or downloaded from <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>. Eligible voters can nominate themselves or as many candidates as they wish. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected, and returned to the FSA county office by the close of business on Aug. 1 or postmarked by midnight Aug. 1, 2010.

**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. Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,112,000.

**Measurement Services** - Farmers who would like a guarantee on their crop plantings and land use acreages can make it official by using the FSA measurement service. Producers must file a request with the county office staff and pay the cost of a field visit to have stake and referencing done on the farm. Measurement service is available using digital imagery and where an on-site visit is not required are charged at a reduced rate.

**2010 Crop Wheat Loan Rates** – Hard Red Winter (HRW) \$3.81; Soft Red Winter (SRW) \$1.87.

**Dates to Remember!**

**June 1, 2010** - Deadline to sign contracts for DCP/ACRE Program.

**June 2, 2010** - Next scheduled meeting of the County Committee (7:30 pm)

**June 15, 2010** – Last day to submit AGI Certifications to IRS.

**July 15, 2010** - Final date to report all 2010 crop acres.

**August 1, 2010** - Final date to request farm reconstitutions.



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