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Acreage Reporting

Please **call now** to schedule an appointment to report the crops you have planted. **The deadline is July 15, 2009.** We would like to take reports earlier this year to try to beat the mad rush in July. So, if you have finished planting or will shortly, please schedule as soon as possible. Acreage reporting is required for the Non-insured Assistance Program, CRP, CREP, SAFE, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, the DCP and ACRE programs and may be necessary for future crop disaster or market assistance programs which may arise. The minimum fee for late-filing an acreage report is \$46 per farm number, so don't delay!

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) Sign-up is underway

Contracts have been mailed for the 2009 growing season. The sign up has now been extended until **August 14, 2009!** We are not able to accept any late-filed applications this year. Please sign and return as soon as possible, but before August 14, 2009! You may also come in to sign your contracts anytime before the deadline. You may request a 22% advance payment now, providing you can show control of the farm for the 2009 crop year. Final payments will be issued in October.

2009 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)

Sign up will end on **August 14, 2009.** The Acre program provides producers an option to protect against declines in market revenue. Producers who elect and enroll a farm in ACRE agree to: (1) forgo counter-cyclical payments, (2) a 20% reduction in direct payments, and (3) a 30% reduction in the marketing assistance loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm. Farms enrolled in ACRE must have base acres. You must annually report the farm's crop acreage and **submit production reports by farm number.** Eligible commodities for ACRE payments include: Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Oats, Barley and Grain Sorghum. ACRE payments are issued when both the actual



State and Farm Revenues fall below the State and Farm ACRE Guarantees. Benchmark Farm Yields will be established using production evidence and/or crop insurance yields. When the ACRE payment acreage exceeds the total base acreage on the farm, you must choose the number of payment acres and commodity (not to exceed the total base on the farm). Once enrolled in ACRE on a farm, you cannot switch back to DCP through 2012. An ACRE fact sheet is now available here at the office or at www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/acre.pdf Direct Payments (reduced by 20%) will be made in October as usual. ACRE payments, if triggered, will be made one year later in October 2010, after the end of the marketing year. Please call for more details.



May 2009 Preliminary ACRE Program Parameters	Unit	Wheat	Oats	Corn	Grain Sorghum	Soy-beans	Barley
Preliminary Guarantee Price Estimate	Bushel	\$6.67	\$2.89	\$4.20	\$3.69	\$9.98	\$4.10
Benchmark State Yield	Acre	54.5	52.0	125.0	45.0	31.0	67.0
State Program Guarantee	Acre	\$327.16	\$135.25	\$472.50	\$149.45	\$278.44	\$247.23

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Dates to Remember!

July 15, 2009—Final date to report all other crop acreages
July 15, 2009—Final date to submit production records for NAP
August 1, 2009—NRCS Program (including EQIP) Deadline
August 1, 2009—Final date to purchase 2010 NAP insurance on Strawberries
August 3, 2009—Final date to submit nomination petitions for FSA county committee
August 14, 2009—DCP/ACRE sign up ends
Continues—Continuous CRP, CREP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Policyholders: If you have not provided your previous year(s) production figures, the final date to report production is **July 15, 2009**. If your records are not provided timely, your yield will be reduced.

This will affect any future claim that you may have. It is very important that you provide your production records timely. Also, when reporting your 2009 crop acreage, please review your acreage reports carefully. If your reported acreage is off by more than 15%, plus or minus, you will be ineligible for NAP benefits.

Also, if you suspect serious crop damage, you must report it to our office and file a notice of loss **within 15 calendar days** after the disaster occurrence or the date the damage is apparent. If your crop will not be taken to harvest or is hand picked, you will need to have an appraisal done. Please, **do not destroy your field until a loss adjuster has given the field a final appraisal.**



FSA County Committee Elections

The Farm Service Agency's local committee elections will be held this fall for local administrative area (LAA) 3 and LAA 4. LAA 3 consists of Pilesgrove, South Harrison, Harrison, Mantua, Washington and Deptford townships. LAA 4 consists of Alloway, Upper Pittsgrove, Elk and Clayton. The farmer-elected committee is your voice in USDA's programs here in this area. Members of the committee work with area residents to maintain the local focus of many USDA programs, inform people of what's available, and help other producers understand how the programs work. Committee members work to help shape national programs into working local programs. The Farm Service Agency is now accepting nominating petitions until **August 3, 2009**. You may nominate yourself or someone you would like to represent you. Please call the office for a nomination form.



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Applications for Financial Assistance Programs such as **EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)** can be submitted anytime during the year. However, to be considered for 2010 programs, applications must be received by **August 1, 2009**. A signed application filed with the local NRCS office indicates an interest in developing a conservation plan as the first step in the application process.

When we're working with landowners, we usually provide planning assistance through the development of a Conservation Plan. After soil, water, air, plant and animal resources on the property are inventoried and evaluated, the NRCS Soil Conservationist will review several alternatives for the landowner's consideration. The alternatives the landowner chooses to implement are recorded in the conservation plan. This written plan becomes a primary tool for better management of the natural resources on the property and can be used to direct the landowner to available programs, such as the Farm Bill Programs, designed to help implement conservation on private lands.