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Acreage Reporting

Reminder—Please call now to schedule an appointment to report any **wheat, barley, oats, rye or other small grain acreage** that you may have planted. **The deadline is June 1, 2010.** Acreage reporting is required for the Non-insured Assistance Program, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, the DCP program 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! The deadline for most other crops is **July 15, 2010.**



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

Contracts must be signed by June 1, 2010!! We are not able to accept any late-filed applications this year. Please sign and return as soon as possible, but before **June 1, 2010!** 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 2010 crop year. Final payments will be issued in October.

Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: **Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain; For other than whole grain harvest—Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley; Hay; Renewable biomass; Fruits and vegetables - cold storage facilities.** For more information about FSFL please give us a call or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.



Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for 2008 SURE continues. SURE is the new program that replaces the old crop disaster programs. SURE is available to farms in Salem and Gloucester Counties that sustained qualifying crop losses during the **2008** crop year. To be eligible for SURE, you must have purchased insurance for every crop of economic significance on the farm or participated in the Buy-in waiver process. The SURE application must include all crops on the farm with insurance and that are of economic significance (5% or more of total farm revenue). Please call for an appointment or for more information.

FSA County Committee Elections

The Farm Service Agency's local committee elections will be held this fall for local administrative area (LAA) 1. LAA 1 consists of Pennsville, Mannington, Elsinboro, LAC, Quinton and Salem City. 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 2, 2010.** You may nominate yourself or someone you would like to represent you. Please call the office for a nomination form.

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Dates to Remember

June 1, 2010— Final loan availability date for 2009 Corn, Soybeans and Grain Sorghum

June 1, 2010—Final day to report small grain acreage

June 1, 2010—Deadline to sign up for DCP and ACRE

July 15, 2010—Final date to submit production records for NAP

July 15, 2010—Final day to report all other crop acreage

Continues—Continuous CRP, CREP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans, SURE

IRS Mailing reminder— If you receive yearly payments from us, you received a mailing with forms to be sent directly to the IRS. Please mail these forms by **June 15th** so you remain eligible for future payments. Please give us a call with any questions or if you need additional forms.

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Reminder: please submit your 2009 crop production records by **July 15, 2010**, if you have not done so already. If not, your NAP coverage will be reduced. Also, when reporting your 2010 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. Paid for measurement service is available. In addition, if you have experienced prevented planting of crops on your policy, you may file a notice of loss. More than 35% of the total eligible acreage intended for planting must be prevented to qualify. Intention to plant must be established and a field visit required. Please call if you have any questions.

Payment Eligibility

Payments and benefits under certain programs are subject to some if not all of the following: payment limitation by direct attribution; payment limitation amounts for the applicable program; actively engaged in farming requirements; cash rent tenant rule; foreign person rule; and average adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations. Payments and benefits will not be provided without all required forms for the specific situation are provided and the necessary determinations are made.

A farm operating plan (CCC-902) is not required to be filed annually if the farming operation continues to be conducted as reflected on the farm operating plan and supporting documents are on file in the office. If any changes occur that could affect an actively engaged in farming, cash rent tenant, foreign person, or AGI determinations; producers must timely notify the office by filing a revised farm operating plan and/ or supporting documentation, as applicable. Failure to timely notify the office, may adversely affect payment eligibility. Payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations may be initiated by the county committee or requested by the producer.

There are statutory provisions that require entities, earning program benefits that are subject to limitations, to provide the names, addresses, and tax identification number of the entities' members to the county committee. All applicable payment eligibility and payment limitation forms submitted by producers are subject to spot check through the end of year review process.

A determination of not actively engaged in farming results in the producer being ineligible for any payment or benefit requiring a determination of actively engaged in farming.

Noncompliance with AGI provisions, either by exceeding the applicable limitation or by failure to submit a certification statement, will result in the determination of ineligibility for all program benefits subject to AGI certifications. Program benefits shall be reduced in an amount that is commensurate with the direct and indirect interest held by an ineligible person or legal entity, general partnership, or joint operation that receives benefits subject to the AGI limitation.

Annual payment limits are as follows: Counter-cyclical and ACRE payments – \$65,000; Direct commodity payments – \$40,000; CRP annual rental payment - \$50,000; CSTP - \$200,000; ECP – 200,000; EQIP (all contracts for FY 2009-2010) – \$300,000; GRP - \$50,000; WHIP - \$50,000; WRP - \$50,000; ELAP, LFP, LIP and SURE - \$100,000; NAP - \$100,000; TAP - \$100,000; LDP, MAL, MLG – No Limits. TAAF - \$10,000.