

Ashland County FSA News – April 23, 2011

DCP SIGNUP APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE Producers may enroll in the Direct & Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) or the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) option until **June 1, 2011**. A 22% advance direct payment may be selected by the producer at signup for DCP. Producers should also be prepared to report oats, wheat & barley acres (bring your planting dates). If we have missed making your appointment please call. Appointments are required.

Water Way Postcard from Ashland FSA The Winter/Spring rains and snow have been especially heavy and many areas show signs of erosion. Producers are reminded that 50% cost share assistance is available and annual payments apply for those who wish to install an approved grassed waterway or filter strip. Producers are encouraged to initiate an application now if you plan to install a waterway in 2011. Approval must be received before construction begins.

CROP REPORTING & ACRE PRODUCTION DEADLINES. Most FSA programs require crop reporting for compliance purposes. The 2011 reporting deadlines are **June 30** for wheat, oats & barley; and **July 15** for corn, soybeans & CRP. Producers participating in the 2010 ACRE program are required to report production to Ashland FSA by **July 15, 2011**. You may stop by the office now to pick up your Certification maps once you have completed planting fill them out and return to them to the Ashland FSA office.

REPORTING FAILED OR PREVENTED PLANTED ACRES. 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.

SPOT MOWING OR SPRAYING OF CRP ACRES. CRP land may not be mowed or clipped during the primary nesting season which is March 1 to July 15 in Ohio. Approval must be requested and in writing to the Ashland County Committee to spot mow or spot spray to control noxious weeds. Approval must be granted prior to mowing or spraying to avoid penalties.

2011 ASHLAND COUNTY ELECTION & NOMINATION PROCESS. Producers in LAA 2 which includes Ruggles, Troy, Sullivan, Clear Creek, and Orange Townships will be electing a representative to the Ashland County Committee this fall. Producers may complete a nomination form, the FSA-699A available at the FSA office or on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>, to appear on the ballot. Socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers are also encouraged to consider nominating a representative for County Committee election. Nominations will be accepted by close of business **August 1, 2011**.