



April 2010 Rhode Island Farm Service Agency

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8:00 am-4:30 pm

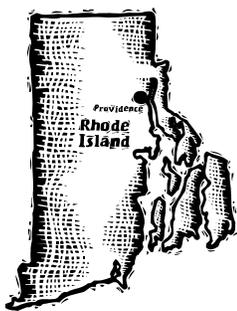
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2010 Direct Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Signup (ACRE) Continues

Signup for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program and Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) continues until June 1, 2010. If enrolling in ACRE, all producers on a farm must agree to the ACRE program election. A farm is eligible to participate in DCP and ACRE if the farm has base acres calculated for the farm. Land subject to the contract must be used for an agricultural or related activity for the applicable fiscal year and not for a nonagricultural, commercial or industrial use; when base acres on a farm are converted to a nonagricultural commercial or industrial use, the total base acres on the farm will be reduced accordingly.

Base acres cannot exceed effective DCP cropland except for established double-cropping. In addition to meeting other eligibility requirements, a farm, before enrollment, must have effective DCP cropland available on the farm greater than or equal to the total base acres for the farm. Land enrolled in WBP shall not be enrolled in DCP or ACRE. A reduction in base acres may be applicable if participating in other programs.

Producers eligible to enter into CCC-509 are an owner of a farm who has a share of contract acreage and assumes all or part of the risk of producing a crop on base acres or a producer (other than an owner) on base acres with a share or cash-rent lease for the crop year covered by the fiscal year contract.

Persons or legal entities whose average adjusted gross **nonfarm** income exceeds \$500,000 are not eligible for DCP and ACRE payments.

Also, persons or legal entities whose average adjusted gross **farm** income exceeds \$750,000 are not eligible for direct payments under the DCP and ACRE Programs.

Acreage Reporting Deadline July 15, 2010

Please remember that acreage reports for all crops and land uses (including failed prevented planting acreage) are required in order to participate in FSA programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from FSA. 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.

An annual acreage report is required to be eligible for all FSA programs. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses can prevent loss of benefits for programs.

Producers who have NAP coverage, through FSA must file a NOTICE OF LOSS within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, date damage to crop is apparent, or 15 calendar days after the final planting date for prevented planting. Again, producers are required to report their acreage by July 15th. Late filed acreage reports will result in late filed fees.

Acreage Reports are recommended for everyone who harvests a crop to maintain their eligibility for current and future programs.



Loan Deficiency Payment Program (LDP)

Corn, Wool and Mohair producers can apply for a payment subsidy on their 2010 crops. The LDP must be requested by completing form CCC-633 EZ page 1 before the commodity is sold. A producer must have beneficial interest (ownership) in the commodity to be eligible.

Program Payment Type	Limitation (in Dollars) 2009-2012
Commodity Programs	
Counter-cyclical and ACRE payments on covered commodities except peanuts.	65,000 <u>1/</u>
Direct payments on covered commodities except peanuts.	40,000 <u>2/</u>
Conservation Programs	
CRP annual rental payment	50,000
CSTP (all contracts for FY 2009 -2012)	200,000
EQIP (all contracts for FY 2009-2012)	300,000
GRP, WHIP, and WRP	50,000
Disaster Assistance Programs	
ELAP, LFP, LIP, SURE, NAP, and TAP	100,000
LDP, MAL, MLG	No limits

This table contains the applicable limitations for a person or legal entity for programs that are subject to provisions.
1/ Under ACRE, this amount will be a combined limitation for counter-cyclical and ACRE payments. If a person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm participating in ACRE, this limitation will reflect an increase for the amount that the direct payments were reduced.
2/ If the person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm that is in ACRE, this limitation will reflect a 20 percent reduction in direct payments on each farm that is participating in ACRE.

Other FSA Programs Available

Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL)

Provides low-interest financing for producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury department.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs as the result of natural disasters. NAP provides coverage for crops for which the catastrophic level of insurance is not available.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to a natural disaster that incurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. Producer must obtain crop insurance or NAP coverage on all crops in all counties. FSA is accepting applications for 2008 crop losses.

Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs. FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

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