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Important Deadlines

- Aug. 27** Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Sign-up Deadline
- Sept. 1** 2009 Average Crop Revenue Assistance Program (ACRE) Production Reporting Date
- Sept. 15** 2010 Durum Wheat Quality Program (DWQP) Sign-up Deadline
- Sept. 30** 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) Sign-up Deadline
- Sept. 30** Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Sales Closing Date
Rye (Grain/Forage)
Winter Wheat (Forage Only)

CRP General Sign-up

Producers interested in offering land under the competitive general CRP sign-up must contact their local FSA office on or before the August 27, 2010, deadline.

Eligible land includes cropland that is planted or considered planted in at least 4 of 6 crop years from 2002 through 2007. CRP acreage with a contract expiring on September 30, 2010, may also be offered for re-enrollment under the general CRP sign-up.

FSA will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers utilizing the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) to determine environmental benefits gained from enrolling land in CRP. EBI consists of five environmental factors; including wildlife habitat, water quality, reduced soil erosion, air quality, enduring benefits, and cost. At the conclusion of general sign-up, the EBI cutoff will be determined and producers will be notified if their offer was accepted.

The continuous CRP sign-up is ongoing, and offers are not subject to competitive bidding. Producers with environmentally desirable land devoted to certain practices may also want to consider enrolling eligible land under continuous CRP.

2008 SURE Deadline

The SURE program is available to provide financial assistance to eligible producers who suffered crop losses due to natural disasters. Producers who experienced a loss are encouraged to contact their local FSA office by the September 30, 2010, sign-up deadline.

SURE provides payments to producers on farms that have insured crop production or crop quality losses. For SURE purposes, a farm is defined as all crops a producer has an interest in nationwide.

To be eligible for SURE, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county under a Secretarial Disaster Designation and have suffered a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. Regardless of a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of normal production due to a natural disaster.

Quality Loss and SURE

SURE reimburses producers for expenses incurred from harvesting crops at a higher moisture level than normal due to eligible adverse weather events. Producers impacted by a quality loss may be eligible to receive a SURE payment. If you have already received a SURE payment and suffered a quality loss, you may be eligible to receive an additional SURE payment at this time. If your operation was impacted by a 2008 crop year quality loss, please contact your local FSA office by the 2008 SURE sign-up deadline of September 30, 2010.

Producers will be required to certify to the 2008 average moisture level on the impacted crop. It may be necessary to provide verifiable or reliable information at a later date.

Report Your Failed Acres

Please be reminded of the requirement to report failed acres to FSA prior to the disposition of the crop. It is the intent of the acreage reporting process to capture all prevented planted, planted, and failed acres. Failed acres can be reported to your local FSA office at any time, including after you have filed your annual acreage report. The failure to report failed acres may impact overall program benefits.

ACRE Production Reporting

As a condition of receiving ACRE payments, producers enrolled in ACRE must submit an annual report of production. Individuals who enrolled in ACRE for the 2009 crop year shall report 2004-2009 production and yields no later than September 1, 2010.

The Record of Production and Yield, form FSA-658 can be filed at your local FSA Office.

2010 DWQP Sign-up

The 2010 Durum Wheat Quality Program (DWQP) sign-up concludes on September 15, 2010. The program was authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill, and is available to compensate producers of durum wheat for cost of fungicide to control Fusarium head blight (FHB), commonly known as wheat scab.

To be eligible, the acreage must be planted to durum wheat, and the fungicide must be applied specifically to control wheat scab. The fungicide must be registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and be compliant with the State of South Dakota's pesticide regulations.

DWQP will compensate producers for up to 50 percent of the actual cost of fungicide applied to control wheat scab. The September 15, 2010, application deadline is statutory, and late-filed applications will not be accepted.



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