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## 2011 Direct & Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) Signup

### Lincoln County FSA

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### Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### County Committee

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### COC Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

### Office Staff

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Producers have until June 1, 2011, to timely file a DCP contract (CCC-509). A CCC-509 will not be approved unless all producers sharing in base acres with more than a zero share have signed and submitted all applicable documentation. For those producers with an interest but a zero share of contract, a CCC-509 will not be approved before all producers have signed a CCC-509 or provided supportive and necessary contractual documents, such as cash leases instead of signing for a zero share. A CCC-509 not having all requisite signatures, will not be considered submitted to CCC for any purpose and will not be acted on or approved. Producers on a farm are solely responsible for ensuring that timely enrollment occurs. Please call for an appointment.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program will begin in the spring. Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time.

## SURE Signup

Signup for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) began January 10, 2011 and runs through July 29, 2011. SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. For SURE, all crops must be covered by crop insurance, NAP or be eligible for waivers.

A producer is eligible for SURE when either:

- The producer has a farming interest that is physically located in a county covered by a qualifying natural disaster declaration (USDA Secretarial Declarations only) or a contiguous county and they have suffered at least a 10% production loss on a crop of economic significance; or,
- The actual production on the farm is less than 50% of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

Note: RMA crop insurance or NAP coverage on grazing land does not have to be purchased in order to be eligible for SURE. SURE does not pay for losses on crops intended for grazing.

## Payment Limitation Reminder

Payments and benefits under certain programs are subject to some or all of the following:

- payment limitation by direct attribution
- payment limitation amounts for the applicable programs
- actively engaged in farming requirements
- cash-rent tenant rule
- foreign person rule
- average AGI limitations

No program benefits subject to limitation will be provided until:

- all required forms for the specific situation are provided
- necessary payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations are made

Payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations may be initiated by COC or requested by the producer.

After 2009, a farm operating plan 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 County Office. If any changes occur that could affect an actively engaged in farming, cash-rent tenant, foreign person, or average AGI determination, producers must timely notify the County Office by filing revised farm operating plans and/or supporting documentation, as applicable.

Note: Failure to timely notify the County Office may adversely affect payment eligibility.

There are statutory provisions that require entities, earning program benefits that are subject to limitation, to provide the names, addresses, and TIN's of the entities' members to COC. 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 limitations or by failure to submit a certification statement, will result in the determination of ineligibility for all program benefits subject to AGI provisions; 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 in any legal entity, general partnership, or joint operation that receives benefits subject to the average AGI limitations.

Applicable annual limitations for person or legal entity, years 2009-2012:

Commodity Programs:	Counter Cyclical and ACRE payments	\$65,000
	Direct payments	\$40,000
Conservation Programs:	CRP annual rental	\$50,000
	EQIP (all years 2009-2012)	\$300,000
	GRP	\$50,000
	WHIP	\$50,000
	WRP	\$50,000
Disaster Assistance Programs:	ELAP/LFP/LIP/SURE	\$100,000
	NAP	\$100,000
LDP/MAL		No Limits

## **Dates for CRP General Signup Announced**

General signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will begin on March 14, 2011, and continue through April 15, 2011. During the signup period, farmers and ranchers may offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general signup at the local office.

CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to use their environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share, and technical assistance. Contracts range from 10 to 15 years and are designed to improve the nation's natural resources.

Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this signup provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall may make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this signup are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2011.

If you are interested in enrolling your eligible cropland into the Conservation Reserve Program please contact the Lincoln County FSA Office at 307-886-9001.

## **Farm Storage Facility Loans Available**

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including barley, oats, wheat, hay, and renewable biomass. The February rate for a 7 year loan is 2.750%.

Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying and handling equipment or the remodeling of existing facilities. Eligible facilities include but are not limited to: new conventional-type cribs or bins and new or remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures.

The terms for loan amounts are as follows:

- \$100,000 or less the term is 7 years only
- \$100,000.01 to \$250,000, the borrower can specify 7 or 10 years
- \$250,000.01 to \$500,000, the borrower can specify 7, 10, or 12 years

To be eligible for a Farm Storage Facility Loan, the borrower must:

- be a producer of a facility loan commodity
- demonstrate a need for increased storage capacity
- show the ability to repay FSFL through the financial analysis process
- meet all other eligibility requirements.

All Farm Storage Facility Loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$500,000 for each borrower. A minimum down payment is also required and multi-peril crop insurance coverage for all crops. The interest rate changes monthly so please contact our office.

## **NAP Application Deadline**

The deadline to signup for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for spring planted annual crops (small grain hay) is April 1, 2011. Producers are reminded about the need for insurance coverage on crops of economic significance in order to remain eligible for Disaster Assistance Programs such as SURE, ELAP, TAP, and LFP. Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available.

### Important Dates to Remember

February 21	George Washington, Holiday – Office Closed
March 15	Deadline to purchase crop insurance for spring planted annual crops
March 31	Deadline to apply for 2010 LDPs and MALs for Barley, Oats, & Wheat
April 1	Deadline to purchase NAP for spring planted annual crops
Within 15 days of noticing a loss file CCC - 576 NAP Notice of Loss	
Within 30 days of noticing a livestock or feed loss file FSA-914 LIP Notice of Loss or FSA-918 ELAP Notice of Loss	

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