

May, 2009

## **Platte County News**

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**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
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### **DCP/ACRE Signup Continues**

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Acreage Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Programs have been extended until **August 14, 2009**. **The August 14, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all participants. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications.**

FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price..

Eligible producers for the DCP Program are also eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program will begin on April 27, 2009 ending on August 14, 2009. The Acre program provides eligible producers with a safety if both farm and state revenue drops. The program targets planted and considered-planted covered commodity crops. For ACRE, the revenue calculations utilize national price figures as well as state and farm yields.

By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payment, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. The decision to elect ACRE binds the farm to the program through the 2012 crop year.

### **Fruits and Vegetables Provisions (OFAV)**

Producers may plant any crop on DCP base acres enrolled in DCP, except the following: Fruits, Vegetables, Wild Rice, Dry Edible Beans. The planting of FAV's or wild rice on Base Acres enrolled in DCP is Prohibited unless the commodity is destroyed without benefit before harvest or the producer has an established history such plantings on DCP base acres cannot exceed the producers average annual planting history. Producers if you are planning on planting FAV's on your farm you will need to contact the Platte County FSA office to ensure that you will not over plant your FAV planting history acres.

### **Continuous CRP Available**

At this time USDA has no general signups scheduled for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in 2009. However Continuous CRP will still be eligible for enrollment. These Targeted programs remain funded, and continue to provide a heightened environment benefit on select areas.

### **Annual Crop Reports**

Platte County is taking annual crop reports. Reports to include DCP, CRP, NAP, Price Support to include LDP and MAL's, Disaster Program Payments. Deadline to report acreages on all crops is **Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**.

Also applicable to crop reporting are: 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.

### **Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)**

#### **NAP Production Reporting**

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. . We recommend producers submit 2009 production records as soon as harvest is complete. **All 2008 production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.**

#### **Timely Filing of Loss**

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required on for ALL CROPS INCLUDING GRASSES. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576 (notice of loss) in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

### **Livestock Death Loss Due to Recent Snow Storms**

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) was established by the 2008 Farm Bill and provides compensation to eligible producers who have incurred livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality, on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011. Eligible losses include: blizzards, disease, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires.

Although the forms and procedures to apply for the LIP program are not available at this time, the USDA Farm Service Agency is encouraging producers to accumulate records of their losses as they occur. Adequate documentation must be provided that proves the death of eligible livestock occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested. These records may include but not limited to:

Pictures, purchase records, rendering truck receipts, veterinarian records, record of your own list as long as they can be verified, written statements by third party's (not immediate family members).

Death loss due to disease/sickness is eligible provided documentation is submitted that shows it is related or exacerbated by an eligible adverse weather event.

**Note: Don't bring your documentation to the county office at this time; keep it in your files.** The County FSA office will inform you when the program is to be implemented and when the sign up period begins.

### **Wool/Unshorn Lamb Pelt LDP Requirements**

Loan Deficiency payments will be available to eligible producers that produce non-graded wool in the form of unshorn pelts for crop years 2008-2012.

Wool, Mohair, Unshorn Pelts Producers: You are reminded to call our office prior to shearing and/or selling your wool to ensure your "page 1" of form CCC-633EZ is filed. This form has to be signed, dated and filed in our office prior to the loss of beneficial interest (delivery or sale) of the wool.

### **Loans to Socially Disadvantaged Applicants**

FSA reserves direct and guaranteed loan funds for SDA persons. Non-reserved funds also can be used by SDA persons. Direct farm ownership loans (FO) and farm operating loans (OL) are made by FSA to approved applicants.

Socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer, rancher, or agricultural producer is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as a member of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. SDA groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

### **COC Elections Nominations**

Producers in LAA 2 will be nominating eligible peers as candidates for election to the Platte County Farm Service Agency County Committee. LAA 2 covers from Highway 26 T 25 N to T 21 N to include the Wheatland Flats.

This is an important time for Local Administration Area communities, because county committee members make decisions that have significant effects on you and the area's agriculture sector as a whole. For example, committee members make decisions on applications for federal farm program and disaster payments. Committee members play a vital role by helping local farmers and ranchers manage tough financial times and natural disasters.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements. You may contact the Platte County FSA Office staff or visit the website:<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA>.

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***IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER***

May 18, 2009	Last day to purchase (Buy-in fee)
May 25, 2009	Memorial Day holiday-Office Closed
May 31, 2009	Last day for commodity loan on Corn
July 1 <sup>st</sup> Deadline for NAP Production	July 1 <sup>st</sup> Deadline for NAP Crop Production For APH Purposes
July 1 <sup>st</sup> Deadline for Crop Reports	July 1 <sup>st</sup> Deadline for Crop Reports And NAP Acreage Reports
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed Independence Day
August 14, 2009	DCP Signup Deadline
August 14, 2009	Acre Signup Deadline
Continues	Continuous CRP sign up
Continues	Farm Stored Facility Loan Program

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