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Platte County News



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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.**

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 1st, 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 1st 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.

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.

CRP Extensions for Contracts Expiring in 2009

Producers, you received a Letter in May informing you that you were eligible to Extend your CRP contract or contracts that are to Expire in 2009. You will need to stop by the FSA office to sign the revised CRP-1 and visit with NRCS to have your CPO revised. The last day to sign the extension is June 30th, 2009. You may contact the local FSA Office for further information concerning your CRP contracts.

Weeds must be Controlled on CRP ACRES

Just a reminder that weeds on CRP need to be controlled. The Platte County Weed and Pest is working closely with the Farm Service Agency to assist producers in making them aware of the weed conditions on their CRP. The County Committee has set the Date of **July 10, 2009** for the **Deadline on Completion of Spraying of the weeds on CRP contracts**. Producers may submit to the FSA County office receipts for or billing statements of the completion of the spraying on your property.

Approved Covers and Practices on DCP Acres

Producers must protect land enrolled in DCP from weeds, including noxious weeds, and erosion, including providing sufficient cover if determined necessary by the county committee.

Suggested covers: annual, biennial, or perennial grasses and legumes, including sweet sorghums, sorghum grasses and sudan. Volunteer stands, other than weeds. Crop residue from using no till or minimum till practices.

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.

Candidate nominations for the FSA county committee election will be accepted June 15 Through August 3, 2009. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by the close of business on August 3, or postmarked by midnight August 3, 2009.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6, and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Dec. 7, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 7, 2009.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements.

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
- Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate
- Not have been:
 - Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee
 - Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
 - Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

For additional clarification about county committee elections, contact your local county office staff.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1 st Deadline for NAP Production	July 1 st Deadline for NAP Crop Production For APH Purposes
July 1 st Deadline for Crop Reports	July 1 st Deadline for Crop Reports And NAP Acreage Reports
July 4 th	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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