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Changes to DCP and ACRE for Farms with 10 Base Acres or Less

Bozeman, MT – The Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) allows producers on enrolled farms with 10 base acres or less to receive payments for that farm if the farm is owned by a socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmer. The 2008 Farm Bill stated for a farm with 10 base acres or less to be eligible for payment under DCP or ACRE, the farm had to be wholly owned by a socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmer. The rule has been changed to state: for the owner of the farm to receive payments, one of the following must apply:

- The owner is an individual and is a socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmer or rancher;
- The owner is a group of individuals and 50 percent of the ownership interest are socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers or ranchers;
- The owner is an entity and 50 percent of the ownership interest of the entity are socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers or ranchers

Commodities covered by DCP and ACRE include wheat, corn, grain sorghum, including dual purpose varieties that can be harvested as grain; barley, oats, soybeans, canola, flaxseed, mustard seed, safflower, crambe, sesame seed, rapeseed and sunflowers including oil and non-oil varieties. Pulse crops have been added as an eligible commodity for the 2009 crop year for counter-cyclical payments only. Pulse crops include dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas (Garbanzo bean, Desi), and large chickpeas (Garbanzo bean, Kabuli). Base acreage may not exceed the available DCP cropland acreage on the farm.

Payment limitation amounts are \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for counter-cyclical payments.

DCP and ACRE are administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency. DCP provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for the 2009 through 2012 crop years. Through ACRE, FSA offers producers an alternative to Counter-Cyclical payments under DCP beginning with the 2009 crop year. The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price.

For further information on DCP and ACRE, contact your local USDA Service Center or logon to the Montana FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt>.