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Butler County News

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Wednesday of each
month

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2010 DCP/ACRE Sign-up

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue (ACRE) has begun and will continue through June 1. **We are currently scheduling appointments, please call the office to make yours.**

DCP Program payments are computed using the base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Counter cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below the target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12 month marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

The optional ACRE program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. For 2010, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2008 and 2009 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the state revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the state expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, no counter cyclical payments will be earned, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

Once enrolled in ACRE, the farm will be enrolled for the initial year of enrollment and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.



COC Election Results

Christine Harder was recently elected for a three year term on the County Committee, representing LAA-2. Christine previously served as the advisor to the County Committee. Thank you Christine for your willingness to serve!

Acreage Reporting Requirements

Acreage reporting time is here. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported with 15 calendar days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

May 31 is the final acreage reporting date for 2010 small grain crops; **August 1** is the final reporting date for spring seeded crops.

USDA, AGI, and IRS

USDA and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have developed an electronic information exchange process strictly for the purpose of Average Gross Income (AGI) verification. This will ensure that payments are not issued to producers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceed certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs. This process will compare average amount of income to the AGI limitations. FSA and NRCS will receive a record that indicates whether or not the program participant appears to meet the income limits. No actual tax data will be included in this exchange process.

Written consent by completing Form CCC-927 or CCC-928 and mailing to the IRS will be required from each producer or payment recipient for this process. This form was included in the Kansas State Office Newsletter and is also available in the FSA Office.

Program Eligibility and Crop Insurance

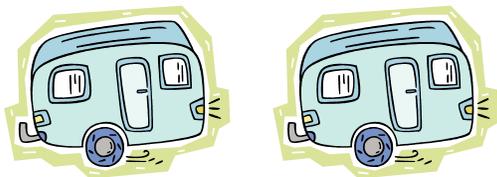
Producers are reminded to insure all crops of economic significance, including crops harvested for forage, under either FSA's Non-insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or federal crop insurance to be eligible for some of the new permanent disaster programs such as the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE).

Join us in congratulating
Sue Reynolds
 On her retirement
 After 34 years of service

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
 Come and Go
 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pulled Pork Sandwiches
 Refreshments

The festivities will be held at the
 Butler County FSA Office
 2503 Enterprise St
 El Dorado, KS 67042



Dates to Remember

March 31	Sue Reynolds Retirement Reception
May 31	Office Closed – Memorial Day
June 1	Final date to sign up in DCP or ACRE
June 1	Deadline to report small grains
August 1	Deadline to report spring crops
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve program
	Farm Storage Facility Loans
	Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
	Youth Loans
	Milk Income Loss Contract Program
	Notice of Loss for Livestock Indemnity Program



WEBSITES

FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov
 Kansas FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov/ks
 USDA - www.usda.gov
 Obtain a Level 2 e-Authentication Account - www.eauth.egov.usda.gov

Please Keep Your Records Current

Please contact the office when changes occur within your farm operation. This includes farm operator, owner, and address and banking changes. It is particularly important to make sure FSA is informed of any changes in the management or operational structure of your farm. If you have formed or dissolved a partnership, corporation, trust, limited liability company, or any other similar entity, it is critical that you inform FSA to assure program eligibility.

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