



**District 7 - Barber - Clark - Comanche - Edwards - Ford - Gray -  
Hodgeman - Kiowa - Ness - Pawnee - Pratt - Stafford**

**May 2010**

**DCP AND ACRE ENROLLMENT DEADLINE JUNE 1**

The deadline to enroll in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program is June 1. The DCP program is an annual enrollment, similar to the past years. The ACRE program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments. Producers who elect the ACRE program for a farm agree to: \*forgo counter-cyclical payments; \* accept a 20-percent reduction of the direct payments; and accept a 30-percent reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm. For more information on either program or to make an appointment to enroll contact your local FSA Office.

**Acreage Reporting Date**

Acreage reports are required for program participation in several programs. The final date to report acreages of wheat, barley, oats, and rye is May 31. The final date to report corn, upland cotton, grain sorghum, forage sorghum, fallow, and CRP is August 1. Since August 1, 2010 falls on Sunday, producers may report on August 2. Producers should contact their local FSA Office for an appointment to certify crop acres.

**Committee Election**

**Vote and make a difference!** The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to all farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a direct link between the agriculture community and the USDA. Committee members deliver FSA programs at the local level. Producers who serve on committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs their counties offer. A county or multi-county area serviced by the county committee is divided into three to five local administrative areas (LAA). Each LAA is represented by one member on the county committee.

Producers who participate in an FSA program may be nominated for candidacy for the committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, organizations representing minority and women producers may nominate candidates. The nomination period runs from June 15, 2010 through August 2, 2010.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS**

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call your local FSA county office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

**Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Verification**

IRS will verify data for FSA for compliance purposes. Producers are required to submit a consent form to IRS. Consent is given on form CCC-927 for individuals and CCC-928 for entities. FSA will not have access to tax returns. The consent forms **must be mailed directly to IRS no later than June 15, 2010**. The Kansas State FSA mailed these forms directly to producers, and these forms are available at your local FSA office. Failure to submit these forms will result in a refund of USDA payments and ineligibly for additional payments.

**Commodity Loans and LDP's**

Loans are available for participating producers on commodities. Nine month Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) are available with the interest rate determined by the month of loan application and disbursement. Loan Deficiency Payments are available when the posted county price (PCP) falls below the county loan rate. The final date to request a 2009 Corn, Grain Sorghum, or Soybean loan is May 31, 2010. The CCC-666 EZ must be completed prior to loss of beneficial interest. Contact your local FSA for details and current rates.

**Report Changes**

It is important to keep your records accurate and up to date. Report any changes on land ownership or changes in your farming operation. Also, if you have any banking changes such as different account numbers or changing banks, report these changes to insure your Direct Deposit is accurate. Address changes also need to be timely reported including update the 9-1-1 addresses. All these changes need to be submitted to your local FSA office.

**Direct and Guaranteed Loans**

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,112,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the County office staff.

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## **2008 SURE Signup**

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that occurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, if crop insurance is not available, you must participate in the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. However, crop insurance or NAP coverage is not required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

The following are the conditions that trigger SURE payments:

- at least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition
- crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm
- producers in counties declared disaster counties by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or those who show proof of an individual loss of at least 50% are eligible to receive SURE payments for crop producer or crop quality losses. Losses are measured with consideration to the whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

## **Offices Closed for Memorial Day**

All FSA Offices will be closed on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 for Memorial Day.



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## **NAP Records and Loss filings**

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up-to-date. Records submitted must be reliable or verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. We recommend producers submit production records as soon as harvest is complete. All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.

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.

## **CRP Maintenance**

CRP participants are reminded of their responsibility to perform annual CRP maintenance as specified in their Conservation Plan of Operations. A major problem in this state is the invasion of undesirable plants including trees that adversely impact the permanent grassland cover. FSA will be conducting annual inspections of CRP to determine contract violations.

<b>Dates To Remember</b>	
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday USDA Offices are closed.
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Final date to sign up for DCP and ACRE</b>
June 1	Final date to report small grains
Aug 2	Final date to report all other crops (including CRP).
Continues	2008 SURE signup
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program