



**DISTRICT 1 – Cheyenne – Decatur – Gove – Greeley – Logan – Norton – Rawlins
Sheridan – Sherman – Thomas – Wichita – Wallace**

April 2009

2009 DCP & ACRE SIGNUP EXTENDED

The signup deadline for the 2009 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program has been extended from June 1 to **Aug. 14, 2009**.

For 2009-crop year, USDA computes direct payments using 83.3 percent of the farm's base acres times the farm's payment yield times the direct payment rate. Direct payments are earned regardless of market prices. Advance direct payments based on 22 percent may be requested.

Counter-cyclical payments are made only if the effective price for a commodity is below its target price.

Farms with base acres of 10 acres or less are not eligible, unless the farm is wholly owned by socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers or ranchers. Producers are subject to certain restrictions on the planting of fruits and vegetables, they must control erosion and weeds on base acreage, and file a complete acreage report.

2009 Direct Payments and Target Prices		
Crop	Direct Rate	Target Price
Barley	\$0.24 bu.	\$2.24 bu.
Corn	\$0.28 bu.	\$2.63 bu.
Grain Sorghum	\$0.35 bu.	\$2.57 bu.
Oats	\$0.024 bu.	\$1.44 bu.
Other Oilseeds	\$0.80 cwt	\$10.10 cwt
Soybeans	\$0.44 bu.	\$5.80 bu.
Upland Cotton	\$0.0667 lb.	\$0.7125 lb
Wheat	\$0.52 bu.	\$3.92 bu.

ACREAGE REPORTS

Acreage reports are required for program eligibility. Report small grains by June 1, 2009. Feed grains, oil seeds and CRP by Aug. 1, 2009.

PAYMENT CENTRALIZATION

Payments for FSA administered programs are now issued in Kansas City. If you receive payments by direct deposit, there will be very little change in how and when you receive your money. If you receive FSA payments by check, it could take 10 to 14 days after the local FSA office approves your contract or loan, and the actual time you receive a check in the mail.

ACRE PROGRAM

You can signup in either the DCP or the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program, but not both on the same farm number.

Once a farm is enrolled in ACRE the action is irrevocable through the 2012 crop year. If you don't enroll in 2009, you can still enroll in a future year right up to 2012.

ACRE signup is expected to begin in late April and continue through Aug. 14, 2009. If you enroll in DCP - even if you take advance direct payments - you can enroll in ACRE by Aug. 14, 2009.

ACRE provides a state-level revenue guarantee safety net based on revenue losses on both the State level and on your farm. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year olympic average yield (throw out the high & low year, average the other 3 years) and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. The 2009 program will use 2007 and 2008 prices.

We will be given the State 5 year olympic average yield. You will have the opportunity to prove your 5 year olympic average for your farm number.

The **state revenue guarantee** is: 90% x 5-year olympic state average yield x most recent 2-year national average market price for crop

The **farm revenue guarantee** is: 100% x 5-year olympic farm average yield x most recent 2-year national average market price for the crop **plus** per acre producer-paid crop insurance premium

An ACRE payment is issued only when **both** the actual state **and** your farm revenues **fall below** their guarantees computed above. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) **times** the farm's planted acres **times** the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the actual State revenue **times** the ratio of the farm's yield **divided by** the State expected yield. The number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm.

ACRE participants do not receive counter-cyclical payments. Direct payments are reduced 20 percent, crop loan rates and LDP rates, are reduced 30 percent. An ACRE fact sheet is available at www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/acre.pdf.

DIRECT & GUARANTEED LOANS

FSA is agriculture’s lender of first and continuing opportunity. We make loans directly to borrowers, or guarantee loans made by commercial lenders. We specialize in loans to beginning farmers with less than 10 years in farming, social disadvantaged (women & minorities), rural youth, and established farmers and ranchers in need of continuing FSA assistance.

Direct loans from FSA

- Farm operating loans
- Farm ownership loans
- Beginning farmer operating
- Beginning farmer ownership
- Youth loans up to \$5,000 (10-20 year olds)
- Socially Disadvantaged operating
- Socially Disadvantaged ownership
- Emergency operating loans (weather related)

Guaranteed Loans with commercial lenders

- Farm operating loans
- Farm ownership loans

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Special accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities, or vision or hearing impairment. Please contact your local county office for any arrangements you may need.

2008 DISASTER BUY IN

Producers ineligible for 2008 disaster assistance because they had not previously obtained required FCIC crop insurance or FSA Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008 crops, can now pay a buy-in fee to qualify for the 2008 disaster payments by May 18, 2009.

This buy-in does not provide any crop insurance or NAP payments for 2008, it merely permits the producer to become eligible for the 2008-crop disaster payments. These producers will also be required to buy crop insurance at the 70/100 level for the 2010 crop and NAP coverage in 2010, if not purchased in 2009.

FOREIGN INVESTORS

Foreign investors acquiring or transferring any interest in agricultural land exceeding 10 acres are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days. Failure to report can result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the land’s market value.

eGOV

Producers with Internet can do a lot of business from home. With secure electronic access you can e-file (electronically sign and transmit) some forms directly with the county office.

You need an eAuthentication level 2 account by filling out an online registration form at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov , followed by a visit to the FSA county office for identify verification. Once access is obtained, you can conduct some USDA business online.

FSA OFFICE LOCATOR

County	Location	Telephone
Cheyenne	614 B West Bus US Hwy 36 St. Francis 67756	785-332-2183
Decatur	410 S Buffalo, Box 147 Oberlin 67749	785-475-3131
Gove	320 Broad, Box 98 Gove 67736	785-938-2270
Greeley	129 E Greeley, Box708 Tribune 67879	620-376-4332
Logan	1015 W. 2 nd Oakley 67748	785-672-4861
Norton	11506 Pineview Drive Norton 67654	785-877-5156
Rawlins	1001 Sherman,Box25 Atwood 67730	785-626-3149
Sheridan	1100 N Main, Box257 Hoxie 67740	785-675-3591
Sherman	210 W. 10 th Goodland 67735	785-899-3070
Thomas	915 E. Walnut Colby 67701	785-462-7671
Wallace	115 E. 6 th , Box 608 Sharon Springs67758	785-852-4213
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