



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

July 2009

Acreage Reports

Aug. 1 is the deadline to report all farmland uses including spring seeded crops, CRP, pastures, and crops covered by the Non-insured crop disaster assistance program (NAP). Reports are required to qualify for 2009 program benefits.

2009 DCP & ACRE Signup Ends Aug. 14

Aug. 14, 2009 is the signup deadline for the 2009 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program.

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 owner is socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers or ranchers, or the owner is a group of individuals and 50 percent of the ownership interest are socially disadvantaged or limited resource. 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.

County Committee Elections

Counties are divided into three local administrative areas (LAA's). Each year farm operators and owners in one of the three LAA's elect one producer to serve a three-year term on the FSA county committee (COC).

Candidate nominations will be accepted June 15 through Aug. 3, 2009. Producers in the LAA holding the election, who participate in FSA programs and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. The nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at the county office or may be downloaded from <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce>.

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.

If you enrolled 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.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

FSA has seven-year, low-interest loans to build new or upgrade/remodel existing storage facilities and related essential, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, including:

- Conventional bins, oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures, and flat storage designed for grain storage,
- Perforated floors, safety equipment, electrical equipment and concrete components considered essential for a fully functional storage facility.

Maximum loan is 85 % of the net cost of the project, not to exceed \$100,000 per borrower. Current application fee is \$45, but may increase to \$100. June 2009 interest rate 2.625 %.

2009 Commodity Loans

If you want to hold part of your crop for later sale, a farm or warehouse stored commodity loan may be for you.

Loans can be repaid any time during the term of the loan. Loans mature the last day of the ninth month following the month the loan is disbursed. Loans disbursed July 2009 mature April 30, 2010. Interest rate in June 2009 is 1.5%.

To get a warehouse stored loan, get warehouse receipts from the storing elevator. You have to repay whole warehouse receipts so if you want to sell in 1,000 – 2,000 – 3,000 bushel, etc. increments then you'll want warehouse receipts in those amounts. You pay storage through the maturity date, but if you sell early you get a refund.

Farm stored bins must have inside and outside ladders and provide sufficient head room so a commodity inspector can get inside to sample the grain. You can get a measurement service to determine the quantity or certify to the quantity.

2009 LOAN RATES

County	HRW Wheat (bu)	Corn (bu)	Milo (cwt)	Barley (bu)	Oats (bu)
Cheyenne	\$2.53	\$1.94	\$3.20	\$1.85	\$1.37
Decatur	\$2.52	\$1.93	\$3.19	\$1.85	\$1.37
Gove	\$2.54	\$2.01	\$3.24	\$1.85	\$1.37
Greeley	\$2.46	\$2.07	\$3.40	\$1.85	\$1.37
Logan	\$2.55	\$2.02	\$3.26	\$1.85	\$1.37
Norton	\$2.52	\$1.95	\$3.13	\$1.80	\$1.37
Rawlins	\$2.52	\$1.96	\$3.22	\$1.85	\$1.37
Sheridan	\$2.51	\$1.95	\$3.23	\$1.85	\$1.37
Sherman	\$2.52	\$1.96	\$3.19	\$1.85	\$1.37
Thomas	\$2.56	\$1.97	\$3.25	\$1.85	\$1.37
Wallace	\$2.50	\$2.03	\$3.30	\$1.85	\$1.37
Wichita	\$2.46	\$2.06	\$3.37	\$1.85	\$1.37

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.

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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 (rates & terms June 09)

Farm operating loans..... (annual & 7 yr term) 2.25% interest
 Farm ownership loans (40 yr max) 4.25% interest
 Farm ownership down payment for beginning farmers and socially disadvantaged..... (20 yr max) 1.5% interest
 Beginning farmer operating (annual& 7yr term)2.25% interest
 Beginning farmer ownership..... (40 yr max) 4.25% interest
 Youth loans up to \$5,000 (10-20 year olds) 2.25% interest
 Socially Disadvantaged operating (annual & 7 yr term) 2.25%
 Socially Disadvantaged ownership (40 yr max) 4.25% interest
 Emergency operating loans (weather related) 2.25% interest

Guaranteed Loans with commercial lenders

Farm operating loans
 Farm ownership loans
 Farm lines of credit

Interest may not exceed rates the lender charges it's average agricultural loan customer.

The above loans for farmers in CN, SH, WA please call our office in Sherman. DC, NT, RA call our office in Norton. LG, GO, TH call our office in Logan. GL & WH counties call our office in Finney. See addresses & phone numbers below.

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
Finney	2106 E. Spruce St. Garden City 67846	620-275-0211
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 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
Wichita	612 W Broadway Box340 Leoti 67861	620-375-2332