



Greenwood/Elk County FSA News



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County Committee normally meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM.

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Sign-Up for 2009 Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) Program

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) Program is continuing and the deadline for producers to sign up is **June 1, 2009**. All owner and operator signatures must be received in the county FSA office on form CCC-509 by June 1, 2009 or the farm(s) will be ineligible for the direct and/or counter-cyclical payments. There are no late-filed provisions for the 2009 DCP Program.

New eligibility forms are required for this year (2009) before any payments can be issued. Advance payments equal to 22% of the calculated direct payment are available for producers who make request to receive them.

Producers are requested to contact the FSA office at **(620) 583-5544** to schedule **an appointment** to sign up and report planted acres of small grains and spring crops when planted.

It is important for operators to call for **an appointment** this month and next month so farms can get enrolled before the **June 1** dateline and all owner signatures and eligibility forms can be timely obtained.

Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)

Producers eligible for DCP will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE). The **enrollment period will be this spring**. 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. 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 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. For participating in ACRE, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent and the marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

STAY TUNED FOR THE SIGNUP PERIOD TO BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL.

Commodity Loan and LDP'S

Nine-month marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments are available on 2009-commodities. LDP's can be earned when the posted county price (PCP) falls below the county loan rate. The CCC-633 EZ Page 1 must be completed before losing beneficial interest in the commodity.

May 31, 2009 is the final day to request a 9-month commodity loan on **2008 crops** of corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans.

2009 Acreage Reports

Producers must report acreages by applicable deadlines to maintain eligibility for most FSA programs. All cropland on the farm must be certified on FSA-578 to remain eligible. All farmland, including hay and grazing land must be certified to remain eligible for disaster programs. This would include pasture classified as non-cropland.

June 1 is the final day to report 2009 planted acres of small grains and **August 1** is the final date to report planted acres of corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, and other crops.

If you have paid for a Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crop policy and have a NAP crop in 2009 that will be hayed or grazed, the final day to certify these acres is before harvesting of the crop takes place. Grass acreages that are hayed or grazed are considered to be harvested so the acres would need to be reported to the office **BEFORE** the haying or grazing occurs this spring.

These NAP acres must be reported and certified to FSA by the above deadlines in order to remain eligible for the SURE disaster programs in 2009. If not reported timely, late-filed fees will be assessed for farms not meeting acreage reporting deadlines.



SECOND 2008 Sure Buy-in for Insurable and Non-insurable Crops - May 18 Deadline

The recently approved American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) allows producers to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill even if they did not previously obtain otherwise statutorily required crop insurance from the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) or Non-insured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) coverage by now paying a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009.

Paying such a buy-in fee does not provide the producer with crop insurance or NAP for the 2008 crop year; it merely permits the producer to become eligible for the 2008-crop disaster assistance programs.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) may now become eligible for such programs by completing the following steps by May 18, 2009:

- Paying a \$100 buy-in fee per crop. The maximum fee for insurable or non-insurable crops is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.
- In the case of each insurable crop (those for which insurance is available from FCIC), excluding grazing land, agreeing to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.
- In the case of each non-insurable crop, agreeing to file the required paper work and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Producers who choose to buy in under this provision will be considered, for insured crops for the 2008 Farm Bill disaster assistance programs only, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price. For non-insurable crops for the 2008 Farm Bill disaster programs only, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE guarantee. Producers who buy in will not be eligible for actual crop insurance or NAP benefits for the 2008 crop.

SIGN-UP FOR Dairy MILC Payments

Milk producers are reminded that sign-up for FSA's Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) is continuing and they should consider signing a MILC contract for monthly payments that may be issued. FSA makes payments on a monthly basis when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight as adjusted for feed costs.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 25	All USDA Offices closed for Memorial Day
June 1	Final Day to report wheat, barley, and oats
Continues	Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
June 1	Final date to apply for 2009 DCP

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