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**Newsletter**

**SEPTEMBER 2006**

**2007 DCP SIGNUP BEGINS ON  
OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Sign-up for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) begins on Oct. 1, 2006. The CCC-509, "Direct and Counter-cyclical Program Contract," includes base acres, payment acres, payment yields, producer payment shares, advance direct and counter-cyclical payment selections and signatures of the producer and county office representative.

The CCC-509 must be submitted by June 1, 2007, to be considered timely. All owners and operators who will share in the DCP payments on the farm must sign the CCC-509. Forms with signatures that are obtained after June 1, 2007, but before Sept. 30, 2007, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-file fee of **\$100**. Farm producers must apply for DCP on an annual basis and can opt out of the program for any year if they so choose.

Producers must file the following documents to be eligible for DCP payments: the annual DCP contract (CCC-509), a farm-operating plan (CCC-502 and related forms), an average adjusted gross income certification (CCC-526), a certification of compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions (AD-1026). A certification of the acreage of all cropland on the farm (FSA-578) is also needed before final payments can be issued.

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Holiday Closing – This office will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2006, in observance of Columbus Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, for normal business hours.

**FINAL DCP PAYMENTS FOR 2006**

Enrolled producers can expect their final direct payment to be directly deposited into personal bank accounts sometime during the first few weeks of October. Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum after the end of the fiscal year (September 30). The direct payment for a crop equals 85 percent of the farm's base acreage *times* (x) the farm's direct payment yield *times* (x) the direct payment rate.

**TOBACCO BUY-OUT SIGNUP  
DEADLINE FOR 2007**

Quota holders and producers not currently enrolled in the Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP) have until November 1, 2006, to sign-up in order to receive a 2007 TTPP payment. The TTPP, also known as the "tobacco buy-out," provides approximately \$10 billion in ten equal installments to eligible tobacco quota holders and producers from 2005 through 2014. Tobacco payments will be issued annually on January 15.

Also, USDA reminds tobacco quota holders and producers that they have until November 1, 2006, to sell their remaining eight annual payments to a successor in order to receive a lump-sum payment. Certain requirements must be met to qualify for lump-sum payments. More information on lump-sum payments is available online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/tobacco/Default.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tobacco/Default.htm) or by calling the National Tobacco Processing Center at 1-800-673-2331. Producers who do not complete this process by November, can arrange for the sale of their remaining seven payments beginning Jan. 16, 2007.

For more information about the TTPP, visit the FSA Web site [www.fsa.usda.gov/tobacco/Default.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tobacco/Default.htm).



### REPORTING LOSSES

If you had any failed crop acres, give serious thought to reporting them before destroying crop evidence. If Congress authorizes a crop disaster program in the future, proof of failed acreage may be required for your participation.

It's important to report failed acreage not brought to harvest to the county office staff prior to destruction. Ensuring that failed acres are documented could be the determining factor in whether you are eligible for future crop disaster program payments.

If you are experiencing low crop yields, you should keep good production records, but you do not need to report this acreage right now.

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must contact the FSA county office staff within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. Producers with crop insurance should contact their local agent when losses occur and before destroying the crop.

### SUCCESSION- IN-INTEREST

If you have made any changes that affect your interest in base acres since you signed your last Direct and Counter-cyclical Program contract, you must report these **successions-in-interest** to the county committee by Sept. 30, so that a final determination can be made on who is program eligible on the property.

Changes that qualify as a succession-in-interest include: a sale of land, a change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners, a foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm, or a change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's share of the crop(s) that were originally approved on the contract.

If a succession-in-interest has taken place, you, as the "predecessor," are required to refund any advance DCP payments you received for the affected base acres before a payment can be made to the "successor."

Not reporting a succession-in-interest can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved. A revised CCC-509, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program Contract, with all succession changes must be complete with all signatures by Sept. 30 for payments to be distributed.

### LOAN AND LDP INFORMATION

Loans or LDPs are available for producers who share in the risk of producing crops. To be eligible for an LDP, you must maintain beneficial interest (maintain title, control of the crop) in the crop through the time of application. Producers who have contracted the commodity, sold directly from the field, or immediately fed the commodity should have filed a CCC-633EZ page 1 to maintain eligibility for an LDP. The CCC-633EZ page 1 needs be signed prior to harvest. Producers who deliver grain under a delayed pricing contract lose beneficial interest upon delivery in most cases.

Loan repayment options, include: repay the loan (principal plus interest), repay the loan at the market repayment rate, or deliver the outstanding quantity to a designated warehouse

When commodities are under loan and used as collateral, they may not be moved without prior written consent from the county office.  
**CALL BEFORE YOU HAUL!**

Electronic Loan Deficiency Payments (eLDP) are available to producers who have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. The eLDP is an internet based service allowing producers to request certified LDPs on line and, in most cases receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours. ELDP services provide greater flexibility to producers allowing them to minimize travel to and from county FSA offices. ELDPs are available 24 hours a day, seven days week, except during routine backup and maintenance periods.