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ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

January 2007

Report of Payments to Producers – CCC-1099-G

A summary of all earned payments and/or refunds during the previous calendar year will be mailed to producers during the last week of January, 2007.

Power of Attorney Signatures

Producers wishing to appoint an attorney-in-fact to act on their behalf for FSA and CCC programs must complete an FSA-211. FSA will not accept power of attorney forms other than FSA-211's except in unique cases when a producer could not complete an FSA-211, such as incapacitation or cases involving members of the U.S. Armed Forces under active military duty.

Attention Husband and Wives

A husband and wife may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation Programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the County Office from either spouse. Spouses may also sign on behalf of each other's individual interest in a partnership; however, a spouse may not sign on behalf of the other as authorized signatory for partnership.

Controlled Substance

Any person who is convicted under Federal or State law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium poppies and other drug producing plants.

Hurricane Disaster Program Sign-up Ends

Sign-up for the 2005 Hurricane Disaster Programs ends February 2, 2007. The following counties in Arkansas are eligible: Ashley, Chicot, Columbia, Crittenden, Desha, Lafayette, Lee, Miller, Phillips, St. Francis and Union for losses incurred during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Program sign-up began December 11, 2006 and will end February 2, 2007. Contact your local office for more information.

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Enrollment in DCP Online

Step 1: To use the eDCP service, you must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. This account allows you to complete the online transactions and – if you choose – to electronically sign your DCP contract. To obtain this account:

- Complete the online registration form located at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>
- Visit your local FSA office for identity verification

Step 2: Go to http://www.fsa.usda.gov/egov/edcp_default.htm. Log in with your eAuthentication account information. Select your State and county. Select the year and applicable farm number. Enter producer crop shares and payment selections.

Step 3: If you choose to electronically sign your DCP contract, check the electronic signature box before you click the “submit” button. If you do not sign the contract electronically, you must provide appropriate signatures at your local FSA office.

TIP: You can assign crop shares and payment options for other producers on your farm; however, each producer must sign the DCP contract agreeing to the selections. You can print the DCP contract, obtain other needed signatures, and return the completed contract to your FSA Office.

2003/2004 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) Linkage

As a condition of receiving disaster benefits on a commodity that was not covered by Federal Crop Insurance or the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) during the year of the disaster, producers were required to purchase crop insurance or NAP, as applicable, on that crop for the next 2 available crop years. Check with your local FSA Office for crop closing dates. Failure to obtain insurance will result in refunding your Crop Disaster Program payment.

Program Deadlines

Sign-up for 2005 Hurricane Disaster Program Ends	February 2, 2007
2007 Applications for NAP coverage for most spring-seeded vegetable crops	February 28, 2007
Deadline for Applications for 2007 Crop Tomatoes	March 14, 2007
Final 2006 loan and LDP Availability for Wheat, Barley, Oats, Honey, Canola, Crambe, Flaxseed, Rapeseed, and Sesame Seed	March 31, 2007
2007 NAP acreage reporting date for all types of Greens (kale, mustard, collards, turnip, spinach, etc.)	April 1, 2007
Payment Limitation Status Date	April 1, 2007
Reporting Acreage of Fall-Seeded Crops	May 15, 2007
Final 2005 Loan and LDP Availability for Corn, Dry peas, Grain sorghum, Lentils, Mustard seed, Safflower seed, Small chickpeas, Soybeans and Sunflower seed.	May 31, 2007
2007 DCP Sign-up Ends	June 1, 2007