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ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

July 2009

DEADLINES NEAR

The 2009 DCP and ACRE enrollment deadline is approximately 40 days away. FSA still has many many producers that need to enroll. A sense of urgency is now facing some FSA offices because they must process the DCP and ACRE enrollment while processing spring seeded certifications, as well as numerous other program activities. Producers are strongly encouraged to contact their local FSA immediately to schedule an appointment.

ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE FOR SPRING -SEEDED CROPS IS JULY 15, 2009

July 15, 2009, is the deadline to report spring-seeded crops to your local FSA Office. A late payment fee will be charged for reports filed after July 15, 2009. Producers are required to report ALL cropland on the farm whether planted or idle as a condition to receive Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's), and Marketing Assistance Loans. Other programs even require non-cropland be reported.

FAILED ACREAGE PROVISIONS

Producers should report failed crop acres to their local FSA Office when the crop is failed due to disaster-related conditions. To be timely filed, acreage reports for failed acreage shall be filed before the crop is destroyed. County Committee review and action are required to receive program credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ACRE?

The Arkansas State FSA and University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture have combined forces and are willing to educate farm producer groups and agri-business leaders through public meetings of the provisions and to answer questions relating to the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. If you know of a group that is interested in this type forum, telephone Sharon Baker, FSA, Supervisory Program Specialist at 501-301-3054, or Dr. Robert Coats, U of A, Division of Agriculture, Professor of Economics at 501-671-2195.

PROGRAM DEADLINES

| PROGRAM DEADLINES | DATE |
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| Final date to inform FSA of crop loss (See the May 2009 SCOOP for more information) | Before crop disposition |
| Spring Seeded Acreage Reporting Deadline | July 15, 2009 |
| Last date to request a 2009 reconstitution on a DCP or ACRE farm | August 1, 2009 |
| Final date to file a 2009 ACRE Election Final date to have all signatures on an ACRE Election Final date to file a 2009 DCP and/or ACRE 2009 (yearly) enrollment Final date to have returned signatures for producers who have a share in a DCP and/or ACRE contract Final date to file a successor-in-interest DCP or ACRE contract if the change occurred by August 14, 2009 | June 1, 2009 Extended to August 14, 2009 |
| Final date to prioritize crop to receive ACRE Payments Final date to file a 2009 successor-in-interest DCP or ACRE contract if the change occurred after August 14, 2009 Final date to have returned signatures for producers who have a share in a DCP and/or ACRE contract that had a 2009 successor-in- interest contract filed after August 14, 2009 | Sept. 30, 2009 |

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