



Farm Service Agency

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Loan Deficiency

DCP Program

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

It's time once again to sign-up for the DCP program! You can begin enrolling your farm in 2007 DCP.

This commodity based program *is not* a continuous program. Contracts for the DCP program must be updated each year. **Deadline to enroll without a late payment fee is Aug. 3, 2007.**

The last day to sign your 2007 DCP contract is September 28, 2007, but you will be required to pay the \$100 late-file fee if you enroll between Aug. 4th and September 28th.

When you sign the DCP contract, you are agreeing to:

- Comply with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions on all your land
- Devote acreage equal to the base acreage to an agricultural or conserving use (The planting of fruits and vegetables on base acreage may result in payment reductions or loss of benefits)
- Effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain base acres according to sound agricultural practices
- File acreage report with respect to all cropland on the farm
- Notify the county office staff when there is a transfer of or change of

Payments

Don't forget that the Farm Service Agency rolled out a new, streamlined process for requesting loan deficiency payments. The CCC-633 EZ, "Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Agreement and Request" is now the required form.

By signing the first page of this form, you indicate your intention to receive LDP benefits. Once the form has been signed, you can submit an LDP request for payment at any time during the loan availability period – before or after losing beneficial interest.

One thing that hasn't changed is the statutory requirement that you request an LDP **before** beneficial interest in an eligible commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained.

SIGN UP FOR THE 2007 LDP YEAR NOW!

For more information on this program, contact the county office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and click on the "Price Support" link and then select "Loan Deficiency Payments."

A subsidy payment is available when the market price of the commodity falls below the loan rate.

An LDP on your wool and mohair is currently available. A new payment rate is announced each Wednesday.

Acreage Reporting

It is time to begin filing your 2007 crop reports with our office. Please call the County Office at 896-5489 Ext. 2 and set up an appointment to come in and complete your crop report. By setting up an appointment we will be able to have your maps and all forms ready for you and it will reduce the time required to complete this process.

ALL participating farms must file an annual crop report to be eligible for program benefits. The deadline to report acreage is June 30, 2007. Reports filed after that date will be required to pay a \$46 late fee. COME IN TODAY!

Also keep track of your planting dates. These dates are required on your crop report. Those dates are helpful to you in the event of a disaster program.

Gross Revenue

Many disaster programs state that a "person" as determined by payment limitation definition, shall not be eligible to receive certain payments and benefits if their gross revenue exceeds \$2 million or \$2.5 million.

Eligibility Reviews

Just a reminder, our office is currently conducting in-depth reviews of documents used to support producer eligibility. The review is the agency's effort to ensure the accuracy of all payments made to producers.

This process pays great attention to detail, takes time, and **must be completed before any 2007 crop-year program payments can be made.** You may need to complete new forms and provide additional supplemental documentation.

IMPORTANT!!

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Government at your Fingertips

Producers are encouraged to sign up for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs online.

Once you set up what is called a Level 2 Account, you can sign up for the DCP program, request loan deficiency payments, access your program payment history and tax information and much more!

Although USDA will only accept eAuthentication Accounts from individuals, a representative role can be established to allow an individual to conduct business for an entity.

For more information and to obtain authorization through a Level 2 Account, go to <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>.

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Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Member
Member
Member
Minority Advisor

Dates to Remember

TODAY	Sign-up for 2007 DCP
TODAY	Report Farm Changes
TODAY	ELIGIBILITY SIGNUPS REQUIRED
May 14	COC Meeting
May 28	Office Closed Memorial Day
June 29	Last day to file Acreage Report Without paying Late Fee

MILC X

The Milk Income Loss Extension program is still working. If you have not brought your production in, please bring it in so that we can get you paid.

Payment dates are as follows:

- 2006 Oct \$0.4318000
- 2006 Nov \$0.4386000
- 2006 Dec \$0.4284000
- 2007 Jan \$0.0340000
- 2007 Feb \$0.1020000

Delinquent Debtors Barred

Under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA), producers owing a delinquent non-tax debt to the federal government are ineligible for federal financial assistance, including marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

Controlled Substance

Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance may 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

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

Need temporary credit? Maybe we can help. FSA makes and guarantees loans to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit. These may be beginning farmers who can't qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have a lack of cash flow to meet bank standards. These loans are tailored to a producer's needs and may be used for the following purposes:

- **Farm Ownership (FO) Loans:** used to buy, develop, or expand a farm
- **Down Payment (FO) Loans:** used to assist beginning farmers and ranchers to purchase a farm or ranch
- **Participation Loans:** used to assist farmers or ranchers to purchase a farm with the assistance of a lender or the seller
- **Farm Operating Loans:** used for operating expenses, family subsistence, machinery, livestock, permits, and to refinance debt
- **Beginning Farmer Loans:** used to help farmers start an operation
- **Guaranteed Loans:** local lenders ask for assistance from FSA to guarantee their loans for farm ownership or farm operating purposes

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