

UNION COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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DCP & ACRE Signup Deadline

Signup has been extended to August 14th for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Program (ACRE). FSA cannot accept any late filed applications.

Remember, the DCP pays a direct payment on 83.3% of your base acres. The Counter-Cyclical portion is only available if the national average market price drops below a certain level. If you select the ACRE option you give up 20% of the direct payment and all of the counter-cyclical payment.

There are several calculators available on the web for those of you that would like to look at different scenarios for DCP –vs- ACRE. If you are interested in additional information you can visit the following sites:

The USDA FSA calculator spreadsheet at:
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp> On the first bullet, click blue-colored “XLS” link, mid-way down the page. Then click the “enable macros” button.

The University of Illinois free ACRE presentation at:
<http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/presentations/2009%20items/ACRE-farmdoc/player.html>

The Texas A&M ACRE estimated payment calculator:

<http://www.afpc.tamu.edu/models/acre/index.php>

If you have questions about the ACRE program please call Jennifer at: 541-963-4178 ext. 105.

2009 Acreage Reports

Producers participating in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Non-Insurable Assistance Program (NAP), Supplemental Revenue (SURE) or those wishing to apply for a Commodity Loan or a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) must file a crop acreage report to maintain eligibility for these programs. The deadline to report crop acreages has been extended to August 14th.

Remember: We are required to enter a planting date for **all crops** when you file your crop acreage report.

To schedule an appointment for your acreage report, please call Tara at: (541)963-4178 ext. 2.



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Commodity Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments

As harvest season approaches, please remember that you must apply for a commodity loan or LDP before you lose beneficial interest in the crop. To maintain beneficial interest you must have:

- Control of the crop
- Title to the crop
- Risk of loss for the crop

Beneficial interest is lost when the commodity is sold, immediately fed or delivered to a pass-title pit. If you will sell or feed your crop immediately after harvest you will need to file form CCC-633EZ prior to harvest to maintain eligibility for an LDP.

Remember, you can select a loan or an LDP but you cannot do both. Once you complete the paperwork for an LDP, you are no longer eligible for a commodity loan.

2009 Commodity Loan Rates

Crop	Loan Rate	Crop	Loan Rate
Wheat SWH	\$3.12/bu	Dry Peas	\$6.12/cwt
Wheat HRW	\$2.92/bu	Lg. Chickpeas	\$11.48/cwt
Wheat DUR	\$4.90/bu	Sm. Chickpeas	\$7.43/cwt
Wheat HRS	\$3.81/bu	Lentils	\$14.62/cwt
Barley	\$2.12/bu	Canola	\$7.15/cwt
Oats	\$1.35/bu	Safflower	\$9.13/cwt
Corn	\$2.31/bu	Sunflower	\$7.59/cwt



Farm Storage Facility Loans Available

Producers can build or upgrade farm storage facilities for wheat, canola, mustard seed, dry peas, lentils, oats, barley or soybeans through our farm storage facility program. This program provides low cost financing for producers with a 15% down payment. Loans are 7 years in length and must be repaid in equal amortized installments. **Loan funds cannot be disbursed until the facility has been built and inspected.**

Farm Loans Available

Loan applications are being accepted for farm operating and ownership purposes. Operating loans include annual operating expenses, farm equipment and livestock purchases, and refinancing related debt. Ownership loans include the purchase or enlargement of a farm, or the construction and/or repair of buildings. Loan guarantees are available to lenders where FSA provides up to a 90% guarantee of loss on the principal of a farm loan. The loan purposes are similar to FSA's Direct Loans, except refinancing real estate debt is also eligible under the Guarantee Program.

FSA's ability to partner with commercial lenders provides for useful tools in meeting your credit needs. FSA can provide for just a portion of your credit needs i.e. a tractor purchase, etc. when we work in consultation with your commercial lender.

FSA provides Direct and Guarantee loan assistance for Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged producers as well. An applicant is considered a Beginning Farmer if they have not operated a farm for more than 10 years. Youth loans are available for 4-H and FFA members' ages 10 through 20 who want to start any income producing enterprise recommended by their leader.

For Farm Loan assistance contact our loan staff in Pendleton at: 541-278-8049 ext. 2.





Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

As part of the 2008 Farm Bill, Congress has implemented the Livestock Indemnity Program. This program is designed to compensate producers for livestock losses in excess of normal mortality. Excess losses must be due to adverse weather conditions such as blizzards, extreme cold and heat, or flooding may be eligible for LIP.

Livestock lost on or after January 1, 2008 may be eligible for compensation under this program.

Verifiable documentation is required for proof of loss. Documentation must prove that the loss was a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested. Documentation may be through such records as bank or loan documents, private insurance documents, production records, purchase records, rendering receipts, veterinarian records or written contracts.



Weather Losses

If you suffer crop losses due to damaging weather, you need to report those losses to the FSA office within 15 days of the date the disaster event occurred. This is a requirement for producers that have NAP coverage. All other producers are encouraged to report losses as they occur. These reports are important in the event a disaster program is implemented.



Direct Deposits

If you change bank accounts or financial institutions, it is extremely important that you notify FSA. All program payments are now made by direct deposit. If you change banks, your bank changes names, or you change accounts and fail to notify us of the change, your payments will go to a suspense file in Kansas City until the correct account information is provided. This can cause lengthy delays in receiving payments from FSA. **Please notify us whenever you change banks, accounts, or your bank name changes!**



2009 Dates to Remember

- August 3 - Deadline to file COC nomination
- August 14 - DCP/ACRE sign up deadline
- August 14 - Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline

Farm Record Changes

If you have changes in your farming operation, such as buying or selling land or leasing ground, you need to report these changes to your local FSA office.

It is extremely important that you keep your farm records up to date as it may affect your eligibility for USDA programs.

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