

FSA NEWS



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County Committee normally meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00PM

County Committee Members: Joetta Miller-Chairperson, Kim Boone-Vice-Chairperson, John T Borst -Member,
William J Cannon-Member, Marshall Stauffer-Member

2011 DCP/ACRE SIGNUP ---- PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) ends on June 1, 2011. USDA urges producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up, or producers can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2011 DCP contract. June 1 is also the final date to return all signatures for producers with a share greater than zero. Producers need to contact the FSA office to schedule an appointment to sign up in either the DCP or ACRE program.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2011, eligible producers may request advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment.

ACRE Option

The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is a program authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill. Through ACRE, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers producers an alternative to Direct and Counter-cyclical (DCP) payments. The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state- and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments. Producers also elect to receive a 20% reduction in direct payments and a 30% reduction in loan rates. A decision to elect ACRE binds the producer to the program through the 2012 crop year, the last crop year covered by the 2008 Farm Bill. The June 1, 2011 deadline is mandatory for all participants. FSA will not accept late-filed applications.

NAP APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE DEADLINE is December 1, 2010

The final date to purchase Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program-NAP coverage for all grasses including Alfalfa is December 1, 2010. The application service fee is \$250 per crop up to \$750 per county and must be paid by Dec 1.



REPORT 2011 WHEAT ACREAGE BY May 31, 2011

Wheat producers are reminded to report 2011 wheat acreage to the FSA Office before the May 31 deadline to remain eligible for the DCP/ACRE programs. Planting dates will be needed when you report your wheat acres as well as designating the acreage on aerial photographs. Please call the FSA Office to schedule an appointment to report acres. A late file fee will be charged for wheat reported after the deadline date.



Foreign Landowner Requirement

Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction. Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the Farm Service Agency County Office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located. Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land. For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACT TERMINATIONS and LAND SALES

When land sells under Conservation Reserve Program Contract (CRP), the new owner must succeed to the CRP contract or the contract will be terminated and the previous owner will have to refund all payments made plus liquidated damages plus interest. All payments issued since the beginning of the contract must be refunded with interest.

NEW FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WEB PAGE

Producers who have level 2 e-authentication access can use the new Public Financial Management Information web page. The website allows producers to generate reports that show both current and historical financial information. This resource will allow users to view details on payments, collections and outstanding debt. The website is a great tool for producers to conveniently access financial information at any time. To view the Financial Management Information web page, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fmi>. Please contact your county office if you have any questions regarding the web page.

Website use requires level 2 e-authentication access. Follow the steps below to obtain level 2 access. Go to www.eauth.egov.usda.gov, complete a customer profile and submit it online. After submitting your customer profile, you will receive a confirmation email, and you must respond to it within 7 days to activate your account. Then you must complete the Identity Proofing process by visiting a local USDA Service Center and presenting a photo ID, such as your driver's license.

COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots for this year's county committee elections were mailed to eligible voters on November 5, 2010. Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office by close of business on December 6, 2010. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by midnight December 6, 2010.

The candidates in this year's election are:

Zelma Samuels has been nominated in LAA 3, Greenwood County, to serve as a committee member.

Mona Leisa Meisch has been nominated in LAA 5, Elk County, to serve as a committee member.

Eligible voters in local administrative areas # 3 and 5 who have not received a ballot should contact the FSA county office staff. Special Accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please contact our office for arrangements needed.

NOTE

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NOTE

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