



# Dickinson, Iron, Menominee County News

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USDA Service Center

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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County Committee meets  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each  
month @ 10:00 A.M.

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## Crop & Acreage Reporting

The deadline to file your annual crop acreage report is fast approaching. Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, marketing assistance loans and Loan Deficiency Payments. The certification form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. **The producer certification deadline has been extended to August 14, 2009. Avoid late charges and call today for an appointment.**

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

## Failed Acreage

Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop. Producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

## DCP & ACRE Signup Deadline

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program has been extended until August 14, 2009. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications. Signup in the ACRE option is also available through August 14, 2009.

FSA 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 2009, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price.

**Remember to return your signed contracts & leases as soon as possible.**

The electronic DCP (or eDCP) service will save you time, reduce paperwork and speed up contract processing at FSA offices. It is available to anyone eligible to participate in the DCP Program. To access this on-line service, you must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.



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## Are you interested in ACRE and Want to Know More?

Please contact the office for an appointment to review the ACRE program and answer all of your questions. Don't miss the August 14, 2009 deadline. ACRE payments will trigger when both State and Farm yields and prices drop below the State and Farm guarantees.

### 2009 Compliance

Compliance and spot checks will once again be utilized during the 2009 crop year. Instead of locally selecting farms, contracts, deficiency loans, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers is used to achieve a statistical sampling of participating producers. Spot check selections are to

be conducted based on a producer's participation in Conservation Reserve Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Loan Deficiency Program, etc.

If you have changed accounts that affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

### Special Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by FSA. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the FSA county office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

Visit our Web site at:  
[www.fsa.usda.gov/mi](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mi)

Dates to Remember	
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Office closed for the observance of Independence Day
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to submit production for NAP for 2008
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day to report farm changes/request reconstitutions
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day to submit COC nominations
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to signup for DCP and ACRE Program Last day to certify crops
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loan Program
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

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