



## Missouri District 5

Boone, Callaway, Cole/Miller, Franklin, Gasconade, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, Osage/Maries, St. Charles/St. Louis, Warren Counties

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**Signup  
Extended**  
The 2009  
DCP Program  
deadline is  
August 14th.  
FSA will not  
accept any  
late-filed ap-  
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ter the dead-  
line. Be sure  
to get all sig-  
natures re-  
turned to the  
office by the  
14th!

### Average Crop Revenue Election Program

The ACRE program is an innovative alternative to the traditional farm safety net available through the Counter Cyclical options of DCP. To date, many producers are uncertain whether the ACRE program is a good alternative for them. Let's clarify a few important differences that may make the decision easier for producers.



How much money will you receive if you elect to be in the ACRE program? ACRE works differently than previous farm programs. There is no way to predict what your potential ACRE payments will be if you enroll. The ACRE payment calculations take into consideration variables that are unknown. These variables will not be known until after the program deadline passes in August and both yield and price information at the state and farm level are determined. In addition, once a producer enrolls in the program and the sign-up deadline passes the decision is irrevocable. The enrolled farms will remain in the ACRE program through 2012.

We can't tell you how much money the ACRE program will pay but we can tell you what money you won't receive. ACRE reduces a farm's direct payment by 20 percent, loan rates by 30 percent and the farm would not be eligible for countercyclical payments.

Why is ACRE an option you should consider? ACRE does provide revenue protection when national average prices and/or state farm yields cause revenue to fall below established benchmarks. It is possible that no ACRE payments will be issued to program participants for the life of the program. However, when ACRE payments are issued, potentially those payments could far exceed the reductions. ACRE payments will be issued when both the state and farm level triggers are met.

ACRE also has a production reporting requirement that producers should be aware of. If you enroll in the ACRE program you will have the option to prove your 5 year Olympic average for your farm. In addition all farms enrolled in ACRE will be required to turn in production evidence annually. Failure to provide the production evidence will result in no payments being issued for that farm. This includes the reduced direct payment the ACRE farm would be eligible for.

It is important to make an informed decision regarding your DCP or ACRE program election. Many county offices are holding informational meetings and in-depth comparison information is available at the following USDA website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp>

**Crop Reporting Deadline Has Been Extended.**  
**See Page 2 For More Details.**

## Bank Account Changes

Before the many October final payments, County Offices are asking producers to notify their county offices of any banking changes.

Payments are issued from Kansas City via direct deposit and can be delayed if we are not aware of different account and routing numbers.



## Flexible or Combination Leases

Farmers are reminded that flexible and combination leases may alter the agreement terms of either DCP or ACRE contracts. FSA rental regulations have been in effect for nearly 10 years. These rental provisions are in place to protect both landlords and tenants, as well as to insure compliance with payment limitation rules.

The key factor is *whether the landlord shares in the production risk of the crop*. Leases which are based on a share of the crop or proceeds are considered share leases and must be reported as such by the producer when signing up for DCP or ACRE payments.

In the past, most farmers rented land for a specific amount of cash rent and nothing else. If rent is based on the amount of crop produced or the income derived from that crop, or any combination of the two, the lease is considered a share lease. In that case, the landlord must receive a share of the DCP contract payment, because the landlord now shares in the risk of the crop.

If you have a cash lease agreement that is **ANYTHING OTHER THAN JUST A FLAT CASH LEASE AGREEMENT**, you need to visit the county office by Aug. 14th.

## July Select Interest Rates

- ◆ Farm Operating-Direct 2.25%
- ◆ Farm Ownership Direct 4.125%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer 1.5%
- ◆ Emergency 3.75%
- ◆ Farm Storage Facility Loan 3.25%
- ◆ July Commodity Grain Loans 1.5%

## Low Interest Grain Loans

Commodity grain loans are a great way to utilize some working capital while you wait for local prices to improve, pay off higher interest notes with low interest money, or purchase next years inputs at reduced rates.

These loans are available to all farmers growing eligible crops, regardless of program participation. Applications are now available for low interest, 9-month loans on 2009 crops stored in an eligible structures. **Wheat loans disbursed in July have a 1.5% interest rate.**



## 2009 Crop Reporting Deadline Extended to August 14th

County offices are taking crop certification on planted and prevented planting acres by **August 14th**. Producers also need to report CRP, permanent hay and pasture acres before this deadline. You will need to bring your planting dates with you. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs

REMINDER: Reported acreage, shares and farming entities should be consistent with crop insurance, and crop sales receipts. **When producers report differently than the way they actually operate, they may not be considered eligible for program benefits or may be required to refund benefits.**

## FSA County Committee Nomination Deadline

*County committees play a crucial role in helping the county office staff implement the Farm Bill. Due to the important services that COC members provide, producers are encouraged to participate in the FSA county committee election process by nominating an eligible candidate by the August 3, 2009 deadline.*

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees.

# Youth Loans—A Perfect Way to Get Started

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths in order to establish and operate projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth organizations. Projects from rabbits to cattle to crop production are planned and operated with the help of a project advisor. These projects produce sufficient income to repay the loan as well as provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Certain requirements have to be met to qualify for the program. This includes being a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien, be between 10 years to 20 years of age, and live in the country or in a town of less than 10,000 people.

The applicant will conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work. Students must also demonstrate the capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor, who recommends the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision of the project.



Lindsey Wuelling with her show steer for 2009



Brandon Wuelling with his show steer for 2009



Elisa Ward and a few of her sheep

Lindsey Wuelling and her brother Brandon use these Farm Service Agency (FSA) Youth Loans to buy their show steers. They typically buy their steers in November at approximately 600 pounds. Lindsey has received her third loan and Brandon is on his second loan. They show their steers in several shows in the area and sell them at the St. Charles County Fair. Lindsey and Brandon have had success showing their steers; both of them got champion of their class last year at the St. Charles Fair and Brandon got grand champion.

Lindsey says that she has learned responsibility and show techniques by getting the loans and participating in the 4-H project. She is also working on record keeping for her project. Lindsey wants to continue showing cattle until she is 21 by joining FFA. Lindsey and Brandon's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wuelling from rural Old Monroe.

Elisa Ward used her FSA Youth Loan to expand her sheep herd by purchasing ewes and a ram. She raises purebred Dorset and Oxford lambs as well as crossbred lambs. She sells some of her lambs to other 4-H members in the area and she shows lambs at the Lincoln, Warren, Montgomery, and St. Charles County Fairs; also, at the Washington Town & Country Fair and the Missouri State Fair.

She is learning record keeping and breeding management from her project. She plans to build a reputation for her market lambs, use this for an FFA project, and earn money for college. Elisa's parents are Stacy and Mindy Ward of Marthasville.



## District 5 Service Centers

Michelle Motley  
District Director

Boone	Kim Viers, CED 601 Bus Loop 70W Columbia, MO 65203 573-875-5540 FAX 573-875-5547 COC Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. @ 8:30 am.
Callaway	Darrell Campbell, CED Mark Mudd, FLM 4549 State Rd H Fulton, MO 65251-5465 573-592-1400 FAX 573-592-1450 COC Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. @ 9 am.
Cole-Miller	Drew Parmley, CED Kelly Volmert, FLM 1911 Bogg's Creek Road Jefferson City, MO 65101 573-893-5196 FAX 573-893-7238 COC Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. @8:30 am.
Franklin	Sheria Yancey, CED 1004 Vondera Ave., Suite 1 Union, MO 63084-3122 636-583-2303 FAX 636-583-3571 COC Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. @ 8:00 am.
Gasconade	Randon Leathers, CED 316 Olive Street Owensville, MO 65066 573-437-4131 FAX 573-437-4771 COC Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs. @ 8:45 am.
Moniteau	Daryl Raithe, CED 410 West Buchanan California, MO 65018 573-796-4691 FAX 573-796-4520 COC Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. @ 9 am.
Montgomery	Priscilla Eggering, CED 1013 South Sturgeon Montgomery City, MO 63361-2700 573-564-2262 FAX 573-564-3967 COC Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. @ 9 am.
Morgan	Dennis Schad, CED 100 S Burke Street Versailles, MO 65084 573-378-4589 FAX 573-378-6163 COC Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri. @ 9 am.
Osage-Maries	Randy Frisbee, CED 1315 East Main Street Linn, MO 65051 573-897-2138 FAX 573-897-4107 COC Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs. @ 8:30 am.
St.Louis-St. Charles	Brian Mulherin, CED 160 St. Peters Centre Blvd. St. Peters, MO 63376 636-922-2833 FAX 636-922-2840 COC Meets: St. Charles-3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. @ 9am St. Louis-3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur. @ 9am
Warren	Ryan Eddy, CED 635 W. Booneslick RD Warrenton, MO 63383 636-456-3433 FAX 636-456-3712



Official Business

**Dates to Remember**

**July 16**

- Start Date for Mid-Contract Management Disking of CRP

**August 3**

- Last Day to File COC Election Nomination form
- Final date to Request Farm Reconstitution for 2009

**August 14**

- Final Certification Date for CRP, DCP, ACRE and All Other Crops without Late File Fee

**September 7**

- Labor Day Holiday—  
**Offices Closed**

**September 13**

- Final Date to Report 2008 Livestock Deaths



## Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Have you had livestock losses from recent storms or other natural disasters? The loss of many types and ranges of livestock due to natural disasters are eligible for compensation through LIP. Eligible ranchers and livestock producers can begin applying for Livestock Indemnity Program on July 13, 2009.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008.

Producers must contact their local FSA office within 30 days of when the loss is apparent. Proof of death must be provided and documentation including the quantity, kind, type, weight range, and inventory of the livestock is required. Payments are based on 75 percent of a fair market value as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any losses that occurred before July 13, 2009 need to be reported to the local office by Sept. 13, 2009.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses:

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
12/1/09 to 7/12/09	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
7/13/09 to 12/31/09	30 days after death	Jan. 30, 2010

### When Weather Prevents or Damages Crops

Have you had any damage to your crops due to weather? Don't forget to report the damage to your local FSA Office to receive history or disaster credit.

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