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May 18

Deadline to Buy In for 2008 NAP

June 1

Deadline to enroll DCP

Deadline to enroll ACRE

Ongoing

- ◆ Continuous CRP
- ◆ Update Farm Changes
- ◆ Farm Facility Loans
- ◆ Monitor Stored Grain Condition

!!BIG CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY THIS YEAR!!

With the arrival of the NEW 2008 Farm Bill the FSA office is required to collect all NEW Eligibility forms. This means in order to receive ANY payment from the FSA office you will need to visit us to complete those forms. It is very important that each person who requests a CRP, DCP, cost share, or ACRE payment have these forms completed timely in order for the payment to be made. This applies to every producer so if you would like to schedule an appointment with any of the Staff we would be more prepared for your visit.

ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINES

The deadline for crop reporting is right around the corner. Wheat and Oats need to be reported by June 30 to avoid a late fee. Corn, Soybeans, Hay and Pasture, CRP, and any other spring seeded crops will need to be reported by July 31. The crop reporting dates go beyond some other very important deadlines so do not wait until you are done planting to sign up for DCP or ACRE.

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Monday - Friday

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2009 Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment (DCP) Program

Sign-up for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program continues until June 1, 2009. The June 1, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all participants. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications.

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. FSA is making advance direct payments. 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.

Producers eligible for the DCP Program are also able to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program or the Counter-cyclical Program. FSA is still waiting and anticipating the enrollment period for the ACRE Program to begin in the near future. You may first enroll in the DCP Program, receive advance direct payments and then later modify your enrollment to the ACRE program or you may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time **before June 1st**.

(more ACRE information on page 2.)



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CRP Ownership Verification

When you wish to enroll in any of our CRP programs you will need to provide a current recorded deed to show ownership. We are finding several changes to ownership that could change the way we would need to prepare your CRP contract.

Operator Changes???

Landowners, if you are changing operators on your farm you will need to contact us. The Landowner is now responsible for updating a change in their farms operator. If there is a Cash Lease agreement, the operator can provide this as proof of the change.

The busy season is upon us, even the FSA staff. While we very much appreciate appointments, you are not required to make an appointment. We do believe we can provide the best possible service if we are prepared for you when you come to our office.

Thank you very much.

2008 Buy-in Waiver Open Again

We are again taking applications for the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008. FSA is providing an additional opportunity to producers who suffered losses as a result of the disaster conditions in 2008.

Paying a buy-in fee does not provide the producer with crop insurance or NAP for the 2008 crop year; it merely permits the producer to become eligible for the 2008-crop disaster assistance programs.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) may now become eligible by completing the following steps by **May 18, 2009**: 1) Paying a \$100 buy-in fee per crop. The maximum fee for insurable or non-insurable crops is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers. 2) In the case of each insurable crop you would agree to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70% or more of the yield at 100% of the price. 3) For non-insurable crops, you would agree to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Producers who buy in will not be eligible for actual crop insurance or NAP benefits for the 2008 crop. More information will be available when you come into the office to sign up.

More information about NAP may be found on the FSA web site located at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

ACRE (AVERAGE CROP REVENUE ELECTION)PROGRAM

The ACRE program is the newest phase of the 2008 Farm Bill. Rules and regulations are still being put into place but sign-up is anticipated to be coming soon. The ACRE program is an irrevocable alternative to DCP through the 2012 crop year. It will reduce Direct payments by 20%, reduce county grain loan rates by 30% and it eliminates all counter-cyclical payments. Producers are encouraged to review ACRE "decision tools" via the MO Extension website or other resources to help evaluate the choices. Multiple website choices are available at our office.