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2012 DCP/ACRE SIGN-UP

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment began Jan. 23, 2012 and will end June 1, 2012. Here are some IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- All producers planting on **DCP base** acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.
- Changes on the farm after enrolling June 1st in DCP/ACRE must be reported to your local FSA office such as:
 - Ownership changes
 - Producer changes (Individuals and Entities)
 - Change in crop shares arrangements

Note: Changes cannot be made after Sept. 30, 2012.

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**DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN
PRESENTATION IN ROLLA**

The Rolla FFA Chapter, Rolla FFA Alumni, and County Cattlemen's Associations are proud to host Dr. Temple Grandin on March 12, 2012. The presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. and be held on the Missouri University of Science and Technology's campus in the Leach Theatre. Ticket prices are \$10.00 and can be acquired through the Leach Theatre Box Office. The contact information is as follows-(573) 341-4219. Dr. Grandin will be speaking on her studies in the animal science industry. Her presentation is directed towards livestock handlers, cattlemen, and FFA members and families. This is an extraordinary educational opportunity for many aspiring entrepreneurs in the

agricultural field.

The Rolla FFA Chapter has worked hand in hand with the community to bring this seminar together. The Chapter members are ecstatic to be able to present an event of this magnitude to the state of Missouri. Through the viewing and studying of Dr. Grandin's work, the members are very intrigued to hear Dr. Grandin speak. Through this event the chapter is learning business skills, organizational skills, and the enjoyment of benefiting the community. This is an educational opportunity for both young and old aspiring farmers and cattlemen. Thank you, Amanda Smith Area 13 FFA President
Rolla FFA Chapter President
Tom Strain - Rolla FFA Advisor

Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP)

Coverage Application Deadline is March 15, 2012

Nap coverage is available for crops such as forage and hay crops. Coverage is also available for grazing acres which is required to be eligible for the Livestock Forage Program. March 15th is the last day for producers to apply for Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance. The application and service fee must be filed by March 15th, the deadline date for 2012 grazing acre coverage. The service fee is \$250 per crop per county. Limited Resource Producers (LR), Beginning Farmers (BF) and Socially Disadvantaged Producers (SD) may request a waiver of service fees.



- Corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain
- Pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables - cold storage facilities
- Honey

For more information about FSFL, please visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a minimum down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. If a participant provides 20% or greater down payment, then the requirement for a severance agreement for loans under \$50,000 will be waived. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department. Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount not to exceed \$250,000. Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

CRP Continuous Sign-Up

For certain high-priority conservation practices yielding highly desirable environmental benefits, farmers and ranchers may sign up at any time, without waiting for an announced sign-up period. Continuous sign-up allows management flexibility in implementing certain special conservation practices on cropland. These are designed to achieve significant environmental benefits, giving participants a chance to help protect and enhance wildlife habitat, improve air quality, and improve the condition of America's waterways.

Unlike the general CRP program, sign-up for these special practices is open continuously. Provided certain eligibility requirements are met, acreage is automatically accepted into the program at a per-acre rental rate not to exceed local prevailing rental rates.

RIPARIAN BUFFERS

Areas of trees, warm season grasses and/or shrubs next to ponds, lakes and streams that filter out pollutants from runoff as well as providing shade for fish and other wildlife. The vegetation's natural litter also provides food and shelter for valuable wildlife.

Riparian buffers are planted so that surface and subsurface runoff must filter through them before it reaches a pond, lake or stream. They can also be placed next to wetlands, such as marshy or swampy areas.

FSA SIGNATURE POLICY Using the correct signature when doing business with FSA can save time and prevent a delay in program benefits. The following are FSA signature guidelines:

- Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office
- Spouses shall not sign on behalf of each other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, or other similar entities
- Individual signatures are also required on certain Farm Loan Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan documents.

LOANS FOR THE SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED

FSA has loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches. While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided targeted funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged groups. A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of a group. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

USDA STREAMLINES COMMON ACREAGE REPORTING

DATES USDA recently established 15 common acreage reporting dates (ARDs) for farmers and ranchers who participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) programs. The common reporting dates will simplify the reporting process for producers and reduce USDA operating costs by sharing similar data with participating agencies. Before the streamlining, FSA had 17 ARDs for 273 crops and RMA had 54 ARDs for 122 crops. FSA and RMA will implement the July 15, 2012, and August 15, 2012, ARDs for certain commodities during the 2012 crop/program year. The remaining common ARDs will be implemented during the 2013 crop/program year. Stay tuned for crop-specific information.

Gregg's Notes

It's hard to believe that we are already in our second month of 2012. Before long grass will start greening up, fields will be worked for corn and beans and cattle will start eating lush grass and perennials.

As far as things to remember, to be eligible for Disaster Assistance due to drought, etc. you will be required to purchase non-insurable crop coverage for your pasture. March 15, 2012, is the last day to buy this coverage.

Sign-up for Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) has started and will run through June 1, 2012. This is for producers with crop bases associated with their farms.

Also, remember that July 15, 2012, is the final date to report all commodities and acres on your farms. This includes hay, pasture, corn, beans, fescue seed & wheat.

Everyone have a wonderful and prosperous agricultural year!

Dates to Remember	
Jan 23	2012 DCP Enrollment began and ends June 1, 2012
Feb 20	Washington's Birthday (observed) Holiday - FSA offices closed
March 12	Dr. Temple Grandin Presentation - Rolla
March 15	NAP application sales closing date for pasture and hay
Selected Interest Rates for December 2011	
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	1.50%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	3.375%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.50%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 7-yr.	1.50%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 10-yr.	2.125%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 12-yr.	2.375%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.125%