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Platte County News



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2010 DCP/ACRE Signup

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP)/ACRE has begun and will continue through **June 1, 2010**. 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 2010 DCP contract. **There are no Late Filed Provisions.**

Livestock Producers

Just a reminder with calving season approaching, and with spring storms the LIP program provides assistance for loss of livestock due to adverse weather conditions. Producers must file a notice of loss within (30) thirty days of the natural disaster event. Producers will need to provide documentation of beginning inventory at the time of the storm and reliable and verifiable records of the losses. Calving books, veterinary records, third party verification, may be used to verify the losses. The final date to submit data for payment for the 2010 year: January 31st, 2011.

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

NAP Coverage Deadlines

Be sure to contact your local FSA office for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) filing deadlines for your crops. **July 1st, 2010 is the Deadline for Actual Crop Production for (APH) purposes.**

July 1st, 2010 is the Deadline for Crop reporting on NAP acreages.

SURE-Supplemental Disaster Assistance Programs

SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disaster that occurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a

producer is required to:

To be eligible for these programs, producers must purchase at least catastrophic risk protection (CAT) level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for non-insurable crops under SURE, TAP, and ELAP.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from this risk management purchase requirement.

The following are the conditions that trigger SURE payments:

- at least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition. A crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm
- producers in counties declared disaster counties by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or those who show proof of a loss of at least 50% for their farm are eligible to receive SURE payments for crop production or crop quality losses. Losses are measured based on whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

Adjusted Gross Income

USDA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for the IRS review process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA.

The agreement ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) to the Internal Revenue Service by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices or online at:

<http://forms.sc.gov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>

CRP Participants Provisions

USDA has made provisions for CRP participants to lease land for Gas, Oil, or Mineral Rights Exploration. Before you as a producer engage in the exploration or leases you need to contact the County Office because there are specific guidelines that you are required to follow.

In the case of Wind Turbines County Committee may authorize the installation of windmills, wind turbines, and wind monitoring towers or other wind-powered generation equipment on CRP acreage on a case by case basis. You will need to contact the County Office to be to get the specific guidelines that you are required to follow.

Approved Covers and Practices on DCP Acreage

Producers must protect land enrolled in DCP from weeds, including noxious weeds, and erosion, including providing sufficient cover determined by the County Committee. The cost of the violation will result in a reduction in the direct payments for the farm by an amount equal to three times the maintenance rate times the acreage to found out of compliance set by the County Committee.

Fruits and Vegetables Provisions (OFAV)

Producers if you are planning on planting the following Fruits, Vegetables, Wild Rice, or Dry Edible Beans. You will need to contact the County Office to ensure that you will not over plant your FAV planting history acres. Acres that exceed your DCP base acres are allowed for FAV but if you plant FAV on DCP Base Acres there will be a payment reduction and without a history of FAV there will be a penalty assessed with the acreage reduction. **Before Planting OFAV crops contact the Platte County Office to determine the amount of acres that can be planted.**

Annual Crop Reports

Platte County is taking annual crop reports. Reports to include DCP, CRP, NAP, Price Support to include LDP and MAL's Disaster Payments to include Sure, LFP, ELAP. The Deadline to report acreages on all crops is **Thursday July 1st, 2010**. Also applicable to crop reporting are: **Failed acreage-must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented Planting-must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.**

Timely Filing of Loss

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required on for All Crops Including Grasses. **Failed acreage-must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop.** For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a **CCC-576 (Notice of Loss) in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when loss becomes apparent.**

If filling for **Prevented Planting**, an acreage report and **CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.**

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 31, 2010	Monday May 31 st , 2010 Memorial Day Office Closed
July 5, 2010	Monday July 5 th , 2010 Independence Day Office Closed
June 1 st , 2010	Final Date For 2010 DCP Signup
June 1 st , 2010	Final Date For 2010 ACRE Signup
July 1 st , 2010	Final Date NAP Production for APH Yields
July 1 st , 2010	Final Date To Report Crop Acreages For All Crops + NAP Crop Acreages
Continues	Continuous CRP sign up
Continues	Farm Stored Facility Loan Program

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