



## **“SCOOP”**

### **ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE**

**October 2011**

#### **ONE LAST CHANCE TO GET IN COMPLIANCE**

FSA's national office is expected to mail one last letter to producers very soon giving them the opportunity to submit missing CCC-927s, Consent to Disclose of Tax Information for an Individual and CCC-928s, Consent to Disclose Tax Information for a Legal Entity, for years 2009, and/or 2010. Producers receiving these letters are flagged in FSA's system as filing the CCC-926 form stating they are in compliance with Adjusted Gross Income provisions to receive either FSA or NRCS program benefits in 2009, 2010 or both years. Successfully submitting the CCC-927 and or CCC-928 allows IRS to research the producer's adjusted gross income and to report back to FSA that the income is within the limits. Producers who fail to successfully submit the form(s) within 30 days of the date of the letter will be notified of non-compliance with the Adjusted Gross Income Provisions, offered appeal rights, and instructed *to repay the FSA program proceeds plus interest.*

#### **2012 DCP and ACRE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JANUARY 23, 2012**

FSA national office has announced that 2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program will begin January 23, 2012. The signup ends June 1, 2012. Producers are reminded that the 2008 Farm Bill contained a requirement that FSA cannot issue advance payments for year 2012.

To sign up in the program electronically, producers must have an active USDA authentication Level 2 account, which requires completing an online registration form at [www.eauth.egov.usda.gov](http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov) followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification. Producers are encouraged to mark their calendar and allow plenty of time for enrollment.

#### **2011 FINAL DCP DIRECT PAYMENTS**

FSA county offices will start releasing 2011 Final Direct payments around mid October 2011. Producers who have not received their total payment by late October 2011 should check with their respective county office(s).

#### **2010 STATE TRIGGER NOT MET FOR ACRE**

USDA just announced that for the 2010 Average Crop Revenue (ACRE) Program, Arkansas has NOT met the "State" trigger for wheat, oats, and barley.

## 2010 PEANUTS FINAL COUNTER-CYCLICAL (CC) PAYMENTS

Producers with peanut bases are currently being issued final 2010 Counter-Cyclical payments. Peanuts are due final payments because their effective prices are below their respective target prices. The effective price equals the direct payment rate, plus the higher of the national average loan rate, or the national average price received by producers. The final payment rate is the target price minus the effective price. The following table illustrates the calculation for Peanuts.

**Peanut Payment Calculation Table**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Peanuts Dollars Per Pound</b>
<b>Target Price</b>	0.247500
National Average Loan Rate	0.177500
National Average Farm Price	0.225000
Higher of Loan Rate or Farm Price	0.225000
Direct Payment Rate	0.018000
<b>Effective Price</b>	0.243000
<b>Final CC Payment Rate (Target Price Minus Effective Price)</b>	0.004500
<b>Partial Payment Rate</b>	0.002600
<b>Final CC Payment Rate Less Partial Payment Rate</b>	0.001900

## LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP) SIGNUP PERIOD FOR 2011

For 2011 calendar year losses, livestock owners and contract growers who suffer a loss of livestock shall file a **notice of loss** the earlier of:

- **30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent to the participant**
- **October 31, 2011**

An **application for payment** is to be filed no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurred.

**Important:** There are **no** late-filed provisions for LIP. FSA shall not refuse to accept a producer's request to file FSA-914. However, FSA-914 submitted by participants after the end of the applicable filing date shall be disapproved, because they did not file during the application period. The application period for LIP is a matter of general applicability to all participants. Therefore, disapproval of FSA-914s filed after the end of the applicable application period is not appealable.

## LIVESTOCK FEED PROGRAM SIGNUP FOR 2011

A general signup period and ending date are **not** applicable for the Livestock Feed Program (LFP). County Committees will only announce that producers may make application for LFP benefits in their respective county:

- after the State and County Office are notified by the National Office that the county has a qualifying drought based on the U.S. Drought Monitor severity rating

- the County Office receives notification from a Federal agency of a qualifying fire on rangeland managed by the Federal agency
- eligible livestock producers are prohibited from grazing their normal permitted livestock on the rangeland managed by the Federal agency because of a qualifying fire

**Note:** Producers can receive LFP payments for grazing losses because of drought or fire on rangeland managed by a Federal agency, but not both for the same loss.

For 2009, and subsequent year, calendar year losses, eligible livestock producers must submit a completed FSA-925 for payment, and required supporting documentation, no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred.

**Notes:** The livestock producer must also provide a copy of their grower contract, if a contract grower, by no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which benefits were requested. There are **no** late filed provisions for LFP for 2009 and subsequent calendar years.

### **NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program)**

<b>2012 NAP APPLICATION CLOSING DATES</b>	
<b>CROP</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>
Apples, Asparagus, Blueberries, Caneberries (Blackberries and Raspberries) Figs, Grapes, Peaches, and Pears	11/20/2011
Honey	12/01/2011
Broccoli, Cabbage (Spring and Fall Plantings) Carrots, Greens (Spring and Fall Plantings), Onions, Pecans (Native & Improved) Potatoes (Spring and Fall Plantings)	01/01/2012

<b>2012 NAP ACREAGE REPORTING DATES</b>	
<b>CROP</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>
Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Ginseng, Ornamental Nursery, and Turfgrass Sod	09/30/2011
Oats, Wheat, and Strawberries	12/15/2011
Fescue (Red), Fescue (Tall), Orchardgrass, Annual Rye, Mixed Forage (cool season), Small Grains, (grass/small grain interseeded and 2 or more interseeded small grains), Wheat, Barley, Oats(fall plantings) and Rye <b>FOR BOTH FORAGE AND GRAZING</b>	12/15/2011
Honey	01/01/2012
Broccoli, Cabbage (Spring and Fall Plantings) Carrots, Greens (Spring and Fall Plantings), Onions, Pecans (Native & Improved) Potatoes (Spring and Fall Plantings)	01/15/2012

## OTHER PROGRAM DEADLINES

Final date to file prevented planting credit for wheat and oats	December 15, 2011
Final date to inform FSA of crop losses	Before Crop Disposition
2012 DCP & ACRE Enrollment Begins	January 23, 2012
Final Date to report wheat and oats planted acreage	May 15, 2012
Final date to file a 2012 ACRE Election Final date to have all signatures on an ACRE Election Final date to file a 2012 DCP and/or ACRE (yearly) enrollment Final date to have returned signatures for producers who have a share in a DCP and/or ACRE contract Final date to file a successor-in-interest DCP or ACRE contract if the change occurred by June 1, 2012	June 1, 2012
The date FSA uses to look at the structure of farming operations to calculate direct attributions	June 1, 2012
Final Date to Report 2012 Spring Seeded Crops	July 15, 2012
Last date to request a 2012 reconstitution on a DCP or ACRE farm	August 1, 2012
Final date to prioritize crop to receive ACRE Payments Final date to file a 2012 successor-in-interest DCP or ACRE contract if the change occurred after June 1, 2012 Final date to have returned signatures for producers who have a share in a DCP and/or ACRE contract that had a 2012 successor-in-interest contract filed after June 1, 2012	September 30, 2012

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