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Arkansas to host five meetings on 2008 Farm Bill

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas will host five public meetings about the 2008 Farm Bill in November at Dumas, Brinkley, Morrilton, Jonesboro and Hope.

“These meetings are critical for anyone affected by the 2008 Farm Bill,” said Dr. Bobby Coats, extension economist for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.

Each meeting begins at 9 a.m. and is expected to conclude at 3 p.m. There is no charge to attend. FSA state office Specialists will be conducting the meetings. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 18, DUMAS – Convention Center
- Nov. 19, BRINKLEY – Convention Center
- Nov. 20, MORRILTON – Conway County Fairgrounds, all-purpose building
- Nov. 24, JONESBORO – Arkansas State University Convocation Center, banquet hall, lower red entrance
- Nov. 25, HOPE – University of Arkansas Experiment Station.

Topics for discussion include: new direct attribution and payment limitation rules, the new Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), revisions to the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), five new Disaster Programs, new incentives to the Farm Storage Facility Loans, new options in Conservation Programs, changes to Price Support Programs and changes to the Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

The meetings are being conducted by the Farm Service Agency, in partnership with the Cooperative Extension Service, Arkansas Farm Bureau, state Department of Agriculture, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Small Farm Program Division, and The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

For further information please contact your local county Farm Service Agency office or county extension office.

The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.

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The Division of Agriculture offers these meetings to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, martial or veteran status or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county extension office as soon as possible prior to the program.

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Public Meetings

Special Thanks to: Mr. Dotson Collins – AR FSA – State Director
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Dr. Bobby Coats – Cooperative Extension Service
Dr. Henry English – UAPB
Mr. Richard Bell – Arkansas Agriculture Dept.
Mr. David Long – Arkansas Game & Fish
Mr. Kalven Trice – AR NRCS – State Conservationist

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Public Meetings

A G E N D A

Presenters:

- Sharon Baker** Chief, Production Adjustment/Compliance/GIS/PL
- Tony Franco** Chief, Price Support/Conservation/NAP
- Clay Medford** Program Specialist, PL/DCP/ACRE/SURE
- Linda Newkirk** Program Specialist, Appeal Coordinator/LIP/LFP/ELAP
- Carroll Brown** Program Specialist, NAP/FSFL/MILC
- Anita Wilson** Program Specialist, Price Support/Cotton/CMA



Presenters:

- Kalven Trice** State Conservationist, NRCS

- 9:00 Opening Remarks
 - Purpose of Meeting
 - Direct Attribution Provisions
 - Adjusted Gross Income
 - Payment Limitation Rules
 - Direct and Counter Cyclical Program
 - ACRE Program Option
 - Disaster Programs
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
 - Farm Storage Facility Loan Program
 - Price Support Programs
 - Milk Income Loss Contract Program
 - Conservation Programs
 - NRCS – 2008 Farm Bill Programs