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8:30 a.m.

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Horse's Mouth

SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM (SURE)

I think it's safe to say that nobody is really sure about this program. There has been a lot of misinformation put out, and I'm guilty of putting out information that later changed. If you had a 10% loss on an economically significant crop in 2008, you may be eligible for a payment. Your loss is determined by comparing your crop insurance guarantee with your actual revenue. When we are figuring out your revenue, we are adding any money you got from crop insurance indemnities plus, 15% of your DCP payment, plus your actual revenue from your crop based on your yields and our average prices.

You must also have insurance or NAP coverage on any economically significant crops to be eligible. This includes wheat, and hay. By economically significant we mean *"any crop that contributed, or is expected to contribute, 5 percent or more of the total expected value of all crops grown by the producer."*

For some revenue based insurance products we will need you to provide production information. We can't tell you if you are eligible for payment without running your information through our spreadsheet. There is no deadline yet, but please don't wait until planting season.

DCP SIGN-UP UNDERWAY

Advance payments for the 2010 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) are now available. Farmers who want to update their contracts need to address land and business issues like rented land and lease requirements before updating their contracts.

The deadline for DCP is June 1st.

Please make an appointment!

NOTE: Only those individuals with a risk in the crop are eligible for DCP payments.

We also put a lot of these program forms in the mail for your convenience; please return them promptly.

HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND (HEL)

Before you drop the plow in the ground, ask yourself if you know the residue requirements and cropping rotation for the field. If not, check the conservation plan you agreed to with NRCS. Violating Highly Erodible Land rules can cost you program benefits.

PLANTING REMINDERS

Do not plant fruits and vegetables on contract acres. Those crops cannot be planted on DCP base acres without penalty. Producers with a history of planting fruits or vegetables may use that history to plant the specific fruit or vegetable on base acres without violating the program. However, for each fruit or vegetable acre planted on contract acres, the farm's payments are reduced by an acre.

INCOME DATA PROVIDED BY IRS WILL BE USED BY USDA TO VALIDATE PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY

The Internal Revenue Service and USDA are sharing information about producer adjusted gross income. FSA will be getting a report stating whether you "appear" to be in compliance with the regulations or not. You must authorize this data share with your signature on the form CCC-927 which you mail to the IRS.

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NONINSURED CROP COVERAGE

March 15th is the last day to purchase spring seeded crop coverage from FSA for non-insurable crops. A payment is issued to you if your crop experiences losses exceeding 50% of your expected yield. NAP yields are based on your actual historical production. The payment rate for NAP is based on 55% of the crop's established market price. The cost is \$250/crop/producer with a \$750 cap per county. NAP coverage does not begin until 30 days after filing an application. Producers with NAP coverage are required to provide a notice of loss to the county office within 15 days of when the loss becomes apparent. You are also required to leave the damage crop until an appraisal can be completed by an adjuster.

All producers with NAP coverage are also required to provide annual production information on all covered crops.

GRAIN CONDITION

It is important to regularly check your grain in storage for spoilage.

ACRE

ACRE payments are issued when 2 conditions are met for a commodity. The first condition is met when the actual State revenue falls below the State ACRE guarantee. The second condition is met when the actual farm revenue falls below the farm ACRE guarantee. An ACRE factsheet and ACRE background information detailing the State and farm revenue calculations are posted at **www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp**. To provide as much information as possible for producers to make their ACRE election decision for crop year 2010, preliminary 2010 State ACRE guarantees, based on projected ACRE guarantee prices and preliminary benchmark State yields, will be posted at **www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp** and will be updated no later than the 15th of every month and also on the first of every month beginning July 1, 2009.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 15, 2010- NAP coverage deadline spring planted crops
March 31, 2010-Deadline for small grain & honey loans & LDP's
May 31, 2010-Deadline for Corn and Soybean LDP's
June 1, 2010 Deadline for DCP and ACRE

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