



# Conservation Programs



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# Cost Share

- Available for CRP & SAFE planted contract acreage.
- Equates to 50% of producer costs.
- Reimburse producers for labor, equipment usage and seed costs.
- Paid after practices are completed (planting).

# Cost Share

- Seedbed Preparation is paid at a flat rate of either:
  - ❖ \$36/Acre, if utilizing 2 or more herbicide applications (can include mechanical operations also).
  - ❖ \$29/Acre, if 1 or no herbicide application plus any mechanical operations.

# Cost Share

- Seeding is paid at a flat rate of either:
  - ❖ \$8/Acre (If conventional equipment used.)
  - ❖ \$12/Acre (If no-till equipment is used.)

# Future of CRP/SAFE

- 64,502 acres of CRP will expire on September 30, 2012.
- Of the 63,000 acres allocated for SAFE, approximately 50,000 were enrolled.



# Adjusted Gross Income



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# AGI

- Form CCC-931 , Average Adjusted Gross Income Statement filed annually, now includes the consent to disclose tax information to the IRS.
- Must be signed for program participation during 2012.



# Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program



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# DCP/ACRE Sign-up

## Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program:

- Currently taking DCP Sign-up for 2012.
- Annual Sign-up ends on June 1.
- Direct payments are calculated at 85% of base acres X a farm's program payment yield X rate. (payment will be a little higher than the past few years)
- No direct advance payments will be issued.
- Final direct payments are issued in October.

# Average Crop Revenue Election Program



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# ACRE

- All producers on the farm must agree to participate in ACRE.
- The election to participate in ACRE is irrevocable except for the year of the election.
  - ACRE election may be changed in the year of election only (by June 1).
  - Enrollment into ACRE is very similar to DCP enrollment by producers initiating a ACRE Contract for the farm each year.
- Direct Payments, 20 percent **reduction**. No advance payment for 2012.
- 30 percent **reduction** in marketing assistance loan rates.



# ACRE

- ACRE provides “revenue-based” protection on crops a producer plants, not on the farm’s historical plantings.
- A farm must have base acres.
- A producer may participate in ACRE on one farm and participate in DCP on another farm.
- Data Collection Requirements:
  - Five years of production data (If not available, then County Committees will assign production based on 3 similar farms for the applicable crop year, or utilize a county average yield).
  - Annual submission of production records.

# Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)



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# SURE Provisions

- SURE is a total farm disaster program.
- A SURE farm is all crop acreage in all counties that a producer planted or intended to plant for harvest or commercial sale or for on-farm livestock feeding.
- SURE sign-up currently being held for 2010 crop losses due to weather conditions.
- Sign-up ends June 1, 2012.

# SURE Triggers

- At least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition.
- Crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5 percent or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm.

# Producer Eligibility

- Producers must meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR):
  - obtain a policy or plan of insurance for each insurable commodity **OR** purchase NAP for each non-insurable commodity.

# Sign-Up

Currently being taken for 2010 crop losses.

## Producers should:

- Gathering production data for any unit that did not suffer a qualifying loss with crop insurance (this could be your APH reporting form with crop insurance).
- Drop off your information at the office.

# FSA Newsletters

- FSA budget for 2012 was cut significantly.
- No newsletters will be mailed out in 2012.
- New email system will be used to deliver program information.
- Sign-up for Gov-Delivery by providing your email address to FSA.