2013 Women in Ag

• FSA and the New Farm Bill.

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New/Extended Farm Bill

• Ok, how about just an extension.
• We will have a DCP/ACRE program.
• Sign up is February 19 ~ June 3 for ACRE
• Sign up is February 19 ~ August 2 for DCP
• Can switch between DCP and ACRE anytime before the deadline specific dates.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)

• Basic Program same as last year
• So far there will be direct payments
  – Not based on current plantings but are calculated on historical bases
  – No advance payments
  – Payment limitations and AGI do apply
Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE)

• Optional Enrollment
  – Forgo counter cyclical payments
  – Take a 20% reduction in direct payments
  – Take a 30% reduction in Marketing loans
  – Yields bases on actual planting
  – Must meet State and Farm triggers to pay

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE)

• Is available for crop losses due to natural disasters occurring through Sept 30, 2011
• Encompasses total farm operation
• 10% (Secretarial Designation/contiguous county) or 50% losses to qualify
• Must have insurance or meet de minimus
• Deadline for signup (2011) March

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP/CREP)

• Regular CRP
  – general sign ups – possibly this spring
• Continuous CRP
  – Includes the SAFE Initiative
• CREP
  – Designated areas only
• WRP – wetland restorations
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

6 Stages to meet
1. Application for Coverage & Fees
2. Report of Acreage
3. Production
4. Notice of Loss (CCC-576)
5. Crop Appraisal
6. Application for Payment

Application For Coverage

• Covers losses in excess of 50% of expected production

• Payment Level = 55% of the established average market price

FEES

$250 per crop per admin. County, not to exceed $750 per producer per admin county.

• Multi-admin counties will never exceed $1875

• To be eligible for coverage the producer must apply and pay appropriate fees PRIOR to the application closing date!
FINAL DATES TO APPLY

- **September 30th**: wheat, rye, triticale
- **March 15th**: Grass Alfalfa, Mixed forage
- **September 1st**: Nursery Crops, Sod, Christmas Trees, Aquaculture
- **December 1st**: Honey, Grapes, Plums, Apples, Cherries, Plums, Asparagus

Report of Acreage

- Grazing land MUST be certified at least 15 days PRIOR to turning out livestock
- Cropland must be certified by the earlier of: 15 days prior to the onset of harvest OR the final acreage reporting date.

2012 Production is needed by July 15, 2013

Once in NAP production evidence must be provided every year to continue building APH.
Notice of Loss

• Must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent and no later than the normal harvest date.

• Producers MUST notify their admin County PRIOR to grazing or abandoning forage acreage certified as intended to harvest.

Miscellaneous forms

• Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
  – Most programs subject to AGI
  – Nonfarm AGI $500,000
  – Farm AGI $750,000
  – Conservation AGI $1,000,000
  – All are an average of last 3 years

Miscellaneous Forms Continued

• Payment Limitation
• Form CCC-933
  – $40,000 DCP
  – $65,000 Counter Cyclical or ACRE
  – $50,000 CRP & most conservation programs
  – $100,000 most disaster programs
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Miscellaneous Forms Continued

• AD-1026
  – Sodbuster/Swampbuster
• AD-2047
  – Customer Data Worksheet
  – GovDelivery

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Miscellaneous Information

• Power of Attorney
  – Great help when signatures are needed
  – Sometimes need to be revoked
    • Divorce
    • Death
    • Change of operator/management

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Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers
Claims Process

• On February 25, 2011 USDA and DOJ announced an optional and voluntary program available to Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege USDA discrimination between 1981 to 2000
• This claims process is available to Hispanic farmers who farmed, or attempted to farm, between January 1, 1981 and December 31, 1996 or between October 13, 1998 and October 13, 2000
• as well as women farmers who farmed, or attempted to farm, between January 1, 1981 and December 31, 1996, or between October 19, 1998, and October 19, 2000.
• The Claims Period is September 24, 2012 until March 25, 2013
Hispanic and Women’s Claims Process continued

- Any person who wishes to participate in the Claims Process must file a claim.
- Request packages through a Call Center or website:
  - **1-888-508-4429 (toll-free)**
- Call Center will take contact information in English and Spanish
- Call Center is staffed Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm (EST): Messages can be left at any other time.
- Claims Process Website: [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov)
- Contacting the call center or website is strictly voluntary

Questions??

- Thank you so much for coming.
- Becky is covering loans and the new Microloan that is exciting to have.