

For: State and County Offices

DCP and ACRE Deadlines

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

1-DCP (Rev. 3):

- subparagraph 187 B requires a report of production on ACRE farms
- subparagraph 394 A provides that the signup period for DCP ends June 1 of the applicable FY
- paragraph 398 provides that revisions to CCC-509's shall **not** be made after September 30 of the applicable FY.

B Purpose

This notice:

- provides general program reminders for State and County Offices about DCP and ACRE enrollment provisions
- reminds County Offices to:
 - use DCP enrollment reports that have been developed to assist with the general administration of DCP
 - inform producers of the requirements to certify production for 2009 crops planted on farms enrolled in ACRE.

Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2010	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 2010 Deadlines

A Deadline for Initiating CCC-509 for Program Year 2010

CCC-509 must be enrolled as of June 1, 2010.

Enrolled status is defined in 1-DCP (Rev. 3) as a contract with **all** of the following:

- shares with producer signatures totaling 100 percent
- an enrollment date entered in the system
- **no** COC approval date entered in the system.

Therefore, all producers whose combined shares total 100 percent on CCC-509 must have a signature on CCC-509 by June 1, 2010.

Note: Software will **not** allow the entry of a signature date for CCC-509 after June 1, 2010.

B Deadline for Completing CCC-509 for Program Year 2010

June 1, 2010, is the deadline for obtaining signatures for all producers with shares greater than zero on CCC-509. If a producer with a share greater than zero has **not** signed CCC-509 by June 1, 2010, that contract is **not** timely filed and **cannot** be acted upon or approved.

Signatures, other than for producers sharing in base acres on CCC-509, or other applicable documentation can be submitted after June 1, 2010, provided all signature requirements were met by June 1, 2010, for producers sharing in the base acres.

CCC-509's where signatures or other applicable documentation is received after June 1, 2010, shall be submitted to the State Office according to 1-DCP (Rev. 3), paragraph 402.

C Deadline for Reporting Production for the ACRE Program

Producers:

- are enrolling farms in the ACRE Program for 2010
- are completing crop certifications for 2010 planted crops
- should be reminded about the production reporting requirements for farms participating in ACRE while in the County Office or through other media.

Note: Exhibit 1 contains a letter that could be used to inform ACRE participants of the production certification requirement. If used, County Offices should modify the letter for their own use.

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2 2010 Deadlines (Continued)

C Deadline for Reporting Production for the ACRE Program (Continued)

1-DCP (Rev. 3), subparagraph 187 B requires producers to accurately submit a report of production for the farm no later than the last acreage reporting date for the covered commodity or peanuts in the year immediately following the crop year of the reported crop acreage, for each covered commodity or peanuts for which an acreage report of planted acres greater than zero was filed. **If the last acreage reporting date for the covered commodity or peanuts is before July 15, 2010, in a county, then the deadline for a producer to submit a report of production is July 15, 2010. DAFP is allowing this additional time because of DCP and ACRE signup for program year 2010 ending on June 1, 2010.**

D Using Registers

Several questions have been received about using registers for enrollment in DCP. Using a register for enrollment in DCP is authorized according to 1-CM.

Example of Production Certification Letter

		United States Department of Agriculture	Farm Service Agency
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January 18, 2010

John Doe
PO Box 1
Blabon , ND 58000

Dear Mr. Doe:

The deadline to certify yields for the 2009 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program is quickly approaching and action is needed on your part to ensure that you receive the appropriate payment.

Based on our files, you have one or more farms enrolled in the 2009 ACRE program. As part of the program rules, you are required to either accept the county average farm benchmark yield or certify actual yields in order to receive payment. Certification requirements not completed by the **July 15, 2010, deadline** will render your farm ineligible for 2009 ACRE payments. If this should happen, the Commodity Credit Corporation may assign a zero yield, which would be used in calculating future benchmark yields.

Additionally, yields for covered commodities planted on each farm enrolled in the ACRE program must be certified. You have the option of accepting the county average farm benchmark yield for each covered commodity or you may certify actual yields for each of the years from 2004-08 that the crop was planted. Providing a yield certification may produce a higher yield than the average farm benchmark, which could increase the likelihood of the farm meeting triggers and possibly increase the amount of ACRE payments.

Enclosed is a Record of Production and Yield form to assist in completing the yield certification requirements for each ACRE farm and each covered commodity that was reported to the Farm Service Agency as planted or approved prevented planted acreage in 2009. The two-page form must be completed for each crop. The first page is the actual yield certification for the 2009 crop year and the second page is for crops reported on the farm for the 2004-08 period, as constituted in 2009. Both pages must be signed and returned by **July 15, 2010**. You should return the form as soon as possible to avoid any late filing due to errors or incomplete documentation.

Production evidence that may be used to support certified yields for the 2004-09 period for each covered commodity planted or prevented planted include:

- Crop Insurance loss records
- Sales records (buyer specific)
- Crop Insurance APH data base records
- Farm stored production records, appraisals, etc

For questions related to completing the Record of Production and Yield form for the 2009 ACRE election, contact [Name of Office] at [phone number] or [e-mail].

Sincerely,

Jake Snake
County Executive Director

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Example of Production Certification Letter (Continued)**Summary of Options:**

For each crop produced on each ACRE farm in 2009, you must select one of the following options and take actions indicated by July 15, 2010:

Option 1: Accept applicable crop's 2004-2008 "plug" yields

- Sign and return the applicable FSA-658 form accepting the plug yields for 2004-2008
- Prepare 2009 production evidence for the applicable crop and provide to FSA with the 2009 FSA-658 form.

Option 2: Provide production evidence for one or more of the years 2004-2008

- Prepare applicable crop production evidence from one or more of the 2004-2008 crop years and provide to FSA with the applicable FSA-658 form.
- Prepare 2009 production evidence for the applicable crop and provide to FSA with the 2009 FSA-658 form.