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Logan County FSA Updates

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Next COC Meeting Scheduled:
Nov. 19th (pending availability
due to harvest season)

U of I Farm Program Decision Resource

There is no doubt the 2014 Farm Bill is complicated with multiple decisions needed to be made by both owners and operators. The Farm Service Agency has partnered up with the University of Illinois to help provide guidance on making these decisions. Below is a link to a step by step guide in helping you make these decisions. We highly recommend you utilize this tool to help make a decision regarding your Farm Bill Program decisions.

Click on link below to use Farm Program comparison tool:
<http://fsa.usapas.com/>

- When you get to the website click on **APAS Custom Farm**. You will be able to load your farm's acres/yields to see projected Farm Program payments.

Click on the link below to use "ARC/PLC Decision Steps":
<http://farmbilltoolbox.farmdoc.illinois.edu/arc-plc-decision-steps.html>

Farm Bill Program Updates

In early October County Offices received 2014 Farm Bill Training. The 2014 Farm Bill included new programs with several great opportunities for county producers including **reallocating your farm base acres and updating your farm yields**. There will be informational meetings in the future to discuss the new ARC/PLC program, but right now we would like for Logan County producers to focus on the base acre and yield opportunity.

* Reallocating Base Acres *

Each **current farm owner** can either:

1. Keep the 2013 farm base acres
2. Reallocate the base acres for the farm

Reallocating will not increase or decrease the number of base acres, but will reallocate the current base acres according to the percentage of the previous 4 years planted or considered planted acreage of each crop.

* Updating Farm Program Yields *

Landowners are provided a one-time opportunity to update program payment yields for each covered commodity for which they have base acres using 90 percent of the farm's 2008-2012 average yield per planted acre, excluding any year in which the covered commodity was not planted.

We know this is a very busy time of year and that the harvest this year is less than ideal with the excess rain. However, we encourage everyone to take this one-time opportunity on your farm base acres and yield update. **Appointments will not be necessary**, so please call our office for more information or stop in with your yield information. The deadline to reallocate your base acres or update your farm yields is **February 27, 2015**. You can also get more information about this process from: [Base Acre Reallocation, Yield Updates, Agriculture Risk Coverage \(ARC\) & Price Loss Coverage \(PLC\) fact sheet](#).

Fall Seeded Crops Acreage Reporting

The deadline to report all Fall Seeded crops is **December 15th, 2014**. This includes all pasture, mechanically harvested forage acreage and wheat.

With the excessive rain we have been having so far this Fall, please also remember if you are prevented from planting a crop, you must file a prevented planting report within **15 days** after the final planting date to receive credit for the crop. The final planting date for wheat is **October 31st. Make sure and file any prevented planting reports by November 15, 2014. Failed acreage reports must be received before any crop disposition.**

Failure to timely file a crop report may jeopardize eligibility for benefits and cropping history. All crop reports received after the deadline will be assessed a late-filing fee and require a field inspection.

Also, if you have selected the Supplemental Coverage Option(SCO) on your wheat insurance policy, please talk to your crop insurance agent about your options on ARC/PLC programs or possible SCO removal deadlines.

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