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2018 Farm Bill Programs:

Agricultural Risk Coverage

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Livestock Disaster Programs

Dairy Programs

# What's New

- Elect in 2019; election is also for 2020
- Producer may change election each subsequent year (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Failure to elect will cause the farm to default to previous election and no 2019 payment will be issued
- Multi-year Enrollment: producers can opt into a multi-year enrollment where shares and signatures will roll over each year if no changes have occurred on the farm (2019 only)

# What's New (continued)

- PLC Yield update for 2020 and subsequent years
- FSA will now pay based on physical location of the farm
- A farm may not receive a payment if sum of base acres on all farms in which the producer has an interest is 10.00 or less
  - Exceptions: Socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, limited resource farmers or ranchers, beginning farmer or ranchers, veteran farmers or ranchers

# Grass/Idle/Fallow (GIF) Farms

- If all the cropland on a farm was planted to grass or pasture, including idled or fallow, from 1/1/09-12/31/17, then producers may not receive ARCPLC payments for the 2019-23 crop years.
- Producers may be eligible for the Grassland Conservation Initiative under CSP (NRCS)

# Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) Overview

- ARC program offers “**Revenue**” loss coverage for selected covered commodities

## Two Options under ARC program

- **ARC-CO**: County Level Loss Coverage
- **ARC-IC**: Individual Level Loss Coverage

# ARC-CO Overview

- ARC-County:
  - protects against crop **revenue shortfalls**
  - price **and/or** production declines per covered commodity
  - at the “**COUNTY**” level

# ARC-IC Overview

- ARC-Individual Coverage:
  - protects against crop **revenue shortfalls**
  - price **and/or** production declines across entire farm
  - **ALL** covered commodities planted at the “**Farm**” level across **ALL** farms enrolled in ARC-IC in the STATE

# Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Overview

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- Provides an income safety net when prices of covered commodities are below “reference” prices set by statute (**Price Protection**)
- Decline in “production” is NOT covered under PLC



# Covered Commodities

- Crops for which base acres have been established according to Statute and regulations

22 Covered Commodities			
Barley	Canola	Corn	Crambe
Flaxseed	Chickpeas, Large	Chickpeas, Small	Grain Sorghum
Lentils	Mustard Seed	Oats	Peanuts
Peas, Dry	Rapeseed	Rice, Long Grain	Rice, Medium Grain
Safflowers	Sesame Seed	Soybeans	Sunflower Seed
Wheat	Seed Cotton		

# Base Acres

- Definition:  
Base Acres of a covered commodity on a farm in effect on September 30, 2013
- May restore bases after election period if CRP acres expire and base has been associated with the CRP

# Basic Comparison

<b>PLC</b>	<b>ARC-CO</b>	<b>ARC-IC</b>
Uses Price plus PLC Yield	Uses Price Plus “County” Level Yield	Uses Price Plus Producer’s yield on the farm(s)
Payment determined by individual covered commodity crop base acres	Payment determined by individual covered commodity crop base acres	Payment determined by all crops planted of covered commodities combined on the farm(s) in the State

# Basic Comparison

<b>PLC</b>	<b>ARC-CO</b>	<b>ARC-IC</b>
Payments made on 85% of specific crop base acres on farm	Payments made on 85% of specific crop base acres on farm	Payments made on 65% of TOTAL base acres on farm
Production report NOT required	Production report NOT required	Requires annual Production report of all covered commodities planted

# Basic Comparison

<b>PLC</b>	<b>ARC-CO</b>	<b>ARC-IC</b>
Planting of covered commodities NOT required	Planting of covered commodities NOT required	Planting of covered commodities REQUIRED
Elect by Covered Commodity Base Acres by farm <i>May mix ARC-CO and PLC on same farm by base crop</i>	Elect by Covered Commodity Base Acres by farm <i>May mix ARC-CO and PLC on same farm by base crop</i>	Elect on ALL Covered Commodities on the farm <i>ARC-CO &amp; PLC not eligible on farm</i>

# Enrollment Deadline

Crop Year	Beginning – End of Enrollment
2019	September 3, 2019 – March 15, 2020
2020	October 15, 2019 – June 30, 2020
2021	October 2020 – March 15, 2021
2022	October 2021 – March 15, 2022
2023	October 2022 – March 15, 2023
Note: PLC yield update deadline is September 30, 2020	

# Final ARC/PLC Payments

- Final ARC/PLC payments will be made to eligible producers on or after:
  - **October 1** of the following year of the crop year once the **Marketing Year Average (MYA)** price has been determined for all crops

# Signature Requirements

- An owner will sign to the updating of PLC yields
- All current producers on the farm will determine the program election
- Producers receiving a share of base acres must sign the ARC/PLC contract



# Contract Requirements

- ARC-CO and PLC, producers are required to designate shares and sign a contract for farms enrolled
- ARC-IC, producers sharing in covered commodities on farm enrolled are required to sign a contract
  - payment shares will be determined by using the producer shares of all covered commodities certified (FSA-578) on the ARC-IC enrolled farm

# Change in Farming Interest or Base Acres

- A change in the interest of any producer or change in any base acres on a contract in the FY shall result in canceling the contract for that FY
  - succession to the contract can assume the conditions of the contract no later than September 30 of the applicable crop year for changes in interest on the farm

# Compliance Issues

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Producers will be required to:

- Provide an accurate acreage report
- Control Weeds and Erosion
- Fruit and Vegetable (FAV) restrictions

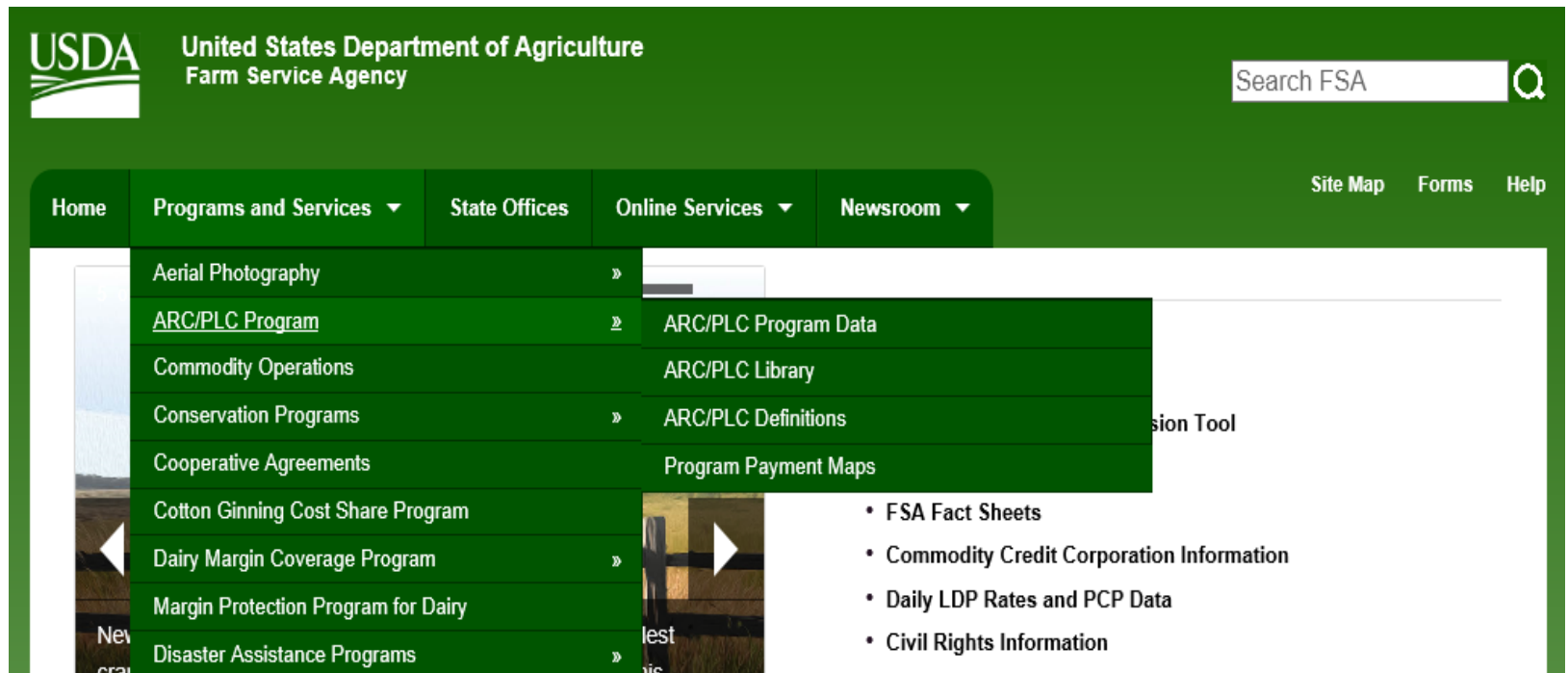
# ARC/PLC Program Flow

Producers will:

- Verify accuracy of acreage history reporting
- Make program election decision
- Enroll for 2019
- Enroll for 2020
- Determine to update yields
- Enroll in the program each year (unless multi-year contract is in effect)

# ARC-PLC WEB Site

- Access the ARC-PLC information at:  
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/>



The screenshot shows the USDA Farm Service Agency website. The header includes the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency", and a search bar labeled "Search FSA". The main navigation menu has tabs for "Home", "Programs and Services", "State Offices", "Online Services", and "Newsroom". The "Programs and Services" tab is active, displaying a list of programs. The "ARC/PLC Program" is highlighted, and a sub-menu is open showing the following options: "ARC/PLC Program Data", "ARC/PLC Library", "ARC/PLC Definitions", and "Program Payment Maps". To the right of the sub-menu, there is a "Decision Tool" link. Below the sub-menu, there is a list of links: "FSA Fact Sheets", "Commodity Credit Corporation Information", "Daily LDP Rates and PCP Data", and "Civil Rights Information".

# Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

- Eligible Crops – commercially produced ag commodity not covered by crop insurance
- Eligible Producers – shares in the risk of the production
- Eligible Cause of Loss – Natural disasters

# Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program (continued)

- Hemp can now be grown in accordance with an approved hemp plan and can potentially be eligible for NAP coverage
- Hemp producers must have a license issued by a State, Tribe, or USDA
- Acreage must be reported to FSA after planting
- Application closing date: March 15, 2020
- Multi-Peril Crop Insurance and Farm Revenue Protection is available with Crop Insurance

# Livestock Disaster Programs

- Livestock Forage Program (LFP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP)



# Livestock Forage Program

- LFP applies on:
  - grass loss due to drought on private lands
  - fires on Federal lands
- Eligibility – must have eligible livestock and eligible grass acres that was reported for grazing
- Payments based on National Factors comparing carrying capacity of grass type and feed needs for eligible livestock.

# Livestock Indemnity Program

- Eligibility - must be eligible livestock that were lost due to an eligible adverse weather event
- Eligible livestock Owner – owned on the date of death
- Payments are determined by National rates and paid after normal mortality

# Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP)

- Eligibility – paid on losses not covered by LFP or LIP
- Mainly honey bee losses and water hauling
- Grazing losses on private land due to fire (if due to a natural disaster event)
- Payments - \$20 Million per fiscal year nationally. Are factored if applications exceed the total budgeted.

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# Questions?

