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# Farm Service Agency

## Monroe County News

August 2008

### Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (aka The 2008 Farm Bill) was enacted into law May 22, 2008. The 2008 Act amended the Trade Act of 1974 to create an agricultural disaster relief trust fund to finance supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs for the life of the new Farm Bill in lieu of the *ad hoc* disaster programs of past years.

The major portion of this fund will finance Supplemental Revenue Assistance

(SURE) payments, which are designed to supplement the protection that producers can purchase from private crop insurance companies. Other disaster programs included are a Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP) and an Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (EALHF).

In order to be eligible for future payments under

these programs, producers must purchase insurance for all crops (commodity crops, forage—hay/pasture, fruits/vegetables) produced each year in their farming operation. Producers who have land in a county that has been declared a Secretarial disaster county or is contiguous to a disaster county may be eligible. Otherwise, a farm operation must have a 50 percent loss in crop income due to weather related conditions to be eligible.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 15	Warm Season Grass Dormant seeding
August 15	Last day for 2008 crop reports
September 16	Final date to pay buy-in fees for 2008 SURE
September 30	DCP enrollment ends for 2008
September 30	Buy wheat insurance for future 09 SURE eligibility

### What is the SURE Program?

SURE is a revenue guarantee program, very similar to crop revenue insurance without the increasing price guarantee feature. If a farm's actual crop revenue is less than the guarantee, the SURE payment makes up 60 percent of the difference. The actual crop

revenue includes not only the estimated value of the crop produced, but also any other USDA payments and crop insurance indemnity payments received. As a result, producers will no longer be double indemnified for the same losses. All guarantees and actual

revenues under SURE are calculated as the sum for all crops and all insurance units for an FSA farm unit, even if land in more than one county or state is involved. Payments are not made on losses for individual crops or insurance units as under past programs.

### Pay Buy-in Fees by September 16th for 2008 SURE

To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer must insure ALL of his/her eligible crops with a minimum Catastrophic level of insurance coverage and purchase Non-insurable Assistance Program (NAP) cov-

erage for crops not covered by private insurance (DC soybeans, hay, pasture, rye, forage sorghum, vegetables, etc).

For 2008, producers who do not meet this require-

ment may have this provision waived if they pay "buy-in" fees per crop by Sept. 16th. The fee is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per producer per county or \$900 total for each crop category.



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	Corn	Soybeans	Total
<b>Sure Example</b>			
Planted acres	500 ac	500 ac	1,000
APH crop insurance yield	160 bu	48 bu	
Crop Insurance indemnity price	\$5.40	\$13.36	
Crop Insurance price guarantee level	75%	75%	
Crop Insurance revenue guarantee (acres x yield x price x % guarantee)	\$324,000	\$240,480	\$564,480
Harvested acres	500 ac	500 ac	
Harvested yield/ac	100 bu	30 bu	
Actual bushels harvested	50,000 bu	15,000 bu	
Harvest time insurance price	\$6.00	\$14.00	
Actual revenue for crop insurance ( bu x price)	\$300,000	\$210,000	-\$510,000
Crop insurance indemnity payment (insurance guarantee less actual revenue)			= \$ 54,480
SURE guarantee (115% of insurance guarantee)**			\$649,152
Marketing year average cash price (Sept thru August)	\$6.50	\$15.00	
Actual Revenue for SURE (bu. X market year price)	\$325,000	\$225,000	\$550,000
Crop insurance indemnity payment			\$54,480
15% of USDA direct payment (\$20,000)			\$3,000
Total crop revenue for SURE			<del>-\$607,480</del>
Revenue Shortfall for SURE (SURE guarantee less actual)			= \$ 41,672
SURE payment (60% of shortfall)			\$25,003

- \* Assumes basic revenue insurance. For CRC or RA-HPO, the final guarantee could be higher since the harvest price exceeded the initial indemnity price.

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**Report crops by Friday, August 15th**