

Nebraska USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Dan Steinkruger reminds producers of two important Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) deadlines this month.

Producers who have either not yet enrolled in DCP or have not yet signed their DCP contracts must do so by close of business Monday, Sept. 16.

"It's easy to get distracted during the busy harvest season, but producers should be careful not to let their DCP contracts and other important FSA business slip through the cracks," said Steinkruger.

Additionally, Steinkruger reminds producers that any succession-in-interest changes made to an operation that affect interest in base acres since the current DCP contract on file was signed, must be reported to the local FSA office by close of business Monday, Sept. 30.

"Failure to report a succession-in-interest can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved," said Steinkruger.

Changes that qualify as a succession-in-interest include:

- Sale of land
- Change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners
- Involuntary loss of the farm
- Change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's share of the crop(s) that were originally approved on the contract.

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, enacted on Jan. 2, 2013, amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and provided for a one-year extension of the Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) program.

Further information on DCP is available at local FSA offices or on FSA's DCP website at: www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp.