USDA Farm Service Agency: Farm Programs Overview
FSA Program Portfolio

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- **Farm Loans**
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Programs Portfolio – Safety Net & Disaster

ARC/PLC  DMC  NAP  LIP  ELAP  ECP  LFP
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SAFETY NET
ARC/PLC: Agricultural Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage
DMC: Dairy Margin Coverage – Special Provisions for Beginners/Women/SD

DISASTER
NAP: Noninsured Crop Disaster Program – Special Provisions for Beginners/Women/SD
LIP: Livestock Indemnity Program
ELAP: Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-raised Fish
ECP: Emergency Conservation Program – Special Provisions for Beginners/Women/SD
LFP: Livestock Forage Disaster Program
Safety Net Programs

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ARC/PLC Program

Agriculture Risk Coverage-County (ARC-CO)

• The ARC-CO program provides income support tied to historical base acres, not current production, of covered commodities.

• ARC-CO payments are issued when the actual county crop revenue of a covered commodity is less than the ARC-CO guarantee for the covered commodity.

Price Loss Coverage (PLC)

• PLC program payments are issued when the effective price of a covered commodity is less than the respective reference price for that commodity.

• The effective price equals the higher of the market year average price (MYA) or the national average loan rate for the covered commodity.

Disaster Programs

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Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

- LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather or by attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government.

- LIP payments are equal to 75 percent of the average fair market value of the livestock.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP)

ELAP

• ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by other disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, such as losses not covered by the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Assistance for Feed Transportation Costs

• In 2021, USDA updated ELAP policy to help cover the cost of transporting feed for livestock that rely on grazing. This includes places where:
  
  • Drought intensity is D2 for eight consecutive weeks as indicated by the U.S. Drought Monitor; Drought intensity is D3 or greater; or
  
  • USDA has determined a shortage of local or regional feed availability.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

- The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) helps farmers and ranchers to repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters and to help put in place methods for water conservation during severe drought.

- The ECP does this by giving ranchers and farmers funding and assistance to repair the damaged farmland or to install methods for water conservation.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

- The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) offers payments to eligible livestock producers with eligible livestock. It also offers payment to producers of grazed forage crop acreage.

- The payments help with grazing losses suffered on native or improved pastureland. This can be land with permanent or planted grazing cover.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

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Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as “covers”) to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat.

- In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

Program Portfolio – Conservation Reserve Program

• Voluntary program that rewards landowners who take environmentally sensitive land out of production and put it into natural-resource conserving and wildlife-friendly habitat.

• Application opportunities for General CRP and Grassland CRP at certain intervals; Continuous CRP options have ongoing signup.

• In Nebraska, we have a CRP enrollment of about 1.2 million acres.

• CRP Transition Incentive Program
  **** Special Opportunity for Beginners/Women/SD
CRP Payments

• FSA bases rental rates on the relative productivity of the soils within each county and the average cash rent using data provided by the NASS.

• The soil rental rates are subject to an 85 percent proration for general signup and a 90 percent proration for continuous signup.

• The maximum CRP rental rate for each offer is calculated in advance of enrollment. Producers may offer land at that rate or offer a lower rental rate.

• CRP grasslands rates are based on 75 percent of the NASS pasture rate.

More Information & References for Slides:

www.farmers.gov

www.fsa.usda.gov (National FSA website)

www.fsa.usda.gov/ne (Nebraska FSA website)