

Farm Service Agency News

Agricultural Producers Have Until April 15 to Enroll in USDA's Key Commodity Safety Net Programs for the 2025 Crop Year

Kentucky Enrollment Currently At 79.9% of Expected

Lexington, Kentucky. March 27, 2025 - Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2025 crop year have until April 15, 2025, to revise elections and sign contracts. Both safety net programs, delivered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provide vital income support to eligible farmers who experience substantial declines in crop prices or revenues for the 2025 crop year. In Kentucky, producers have completed 35,079 contracts to date, representing 79.9% of the more than 43,926 expected contracts.

"Agriculture Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage programs provide excellent risk protection, for market declines, at no cost to the producer," said Clark Sturgeon, deputy state executive director for FSA in Kentucky.

"If you haven't made your program election or signed a contract, please contact your local FSA county office as soon as possible to set an appointment so you don't miss the April 15th deadline."

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual, which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2025 are optional, producers must enroll, with a signed contract, each year. If a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm, the contract will continue for 2025 unless an election change is made.

If producers do not submit their election revision by the April 15, 2025, deadline, the election remains the same as their 2024 election for eligible commodities on the farm. Also, producers who do not complete enrollment and sign their contract by the deadline will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2025 year and will not receive a payment if one is triggered. Farm owners can only enroll in these programs if they have a share interest in

the commodity.

Producers are eligible to enroll farms with base acres for the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Web-Based Decision Tools

Many universities, offer web-based decision tools to help producers make informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations. Producers are encouraged to use the tool of their choice to support their ARC and PLC elections.

Crop Insurance Considerations

Producers are reminded that enrolling in ARC or PLC programs can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products offered by USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers who elect and enroll in PLC also have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through

their Approved Insurance Provider, but producers of covered commodities who elect ARC are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres.

Unlike SCO, RMA's Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by participating in ARC for the same crop, on the same acres. Producers may elect ECO regardless of their farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan, or STAX, on their planted cotton acres.

Optimizing FSA Office Visits

Agricultural producers visiting FSA to complete ARC/PLC elections and enrollment are encouraged to also conduct other FSA program business during their scheduled appointment including completing farm loan applications and applying for the recently announced Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP).

Sign up for ECAP began on March 19, 2025. ECAP, authorized by the American Relief Act, 2025, provides

up to \$10 billion to agricultural producers for the 2024 crop year. Administered by FSA, ECAP will help agricultural producers mitigate the impacts of increased input costs and falling commodity prices. Congress gave USDA 90 days to implement the program, and that deadline was met. Producers of eligible commodities must submit ECAP applications to their local FSA county office by Aug. 15, 2025. Only one application is required for all ECAP eligible commodities nationwide. ECAP applications can be submitted to FSA in-person, electronically using Box and One-Span, by fax or by applying online at fsa.usda.gov/ecap utilizing a secure login.gov account. For more information, please visit the ECAP website or review the ECAP Fact Sheet.

More details are forthcoming on more than \$20 billion to be made available through the American Relief Act, 2025, for producers who suffered losses from natural disasters in 2023 and 2024 including \$2 billion set aside for livestock producers and other funds that will be administered through block grants with states.

More Information

To learn more about FSA programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also prepare maps for acreage reporting as well as manage farm loans and view other farm records data and customer information by logging into their farmers.gov account. If you don't have an account, sign up today.

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ESTATE AUCTION
OWNER: RONALD BARROW ESTATE
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LOCATION: 650 Old Liberty Church Road
Beaver Dam, KY 42320
GUNS AND AMMO:
MARLIN 22 CAL. 795SS, (2) HAWKEN BLACK POWDER 50 CAL., DOUBLE BARREL SHOT GUN W/HAMMERS, MOSSBURG 12 GA. CRICKETT 22 CAL., CINCINNATI ARMS BLACK POWDER, HW5 22 CAL. PISTOL, SAVAGE MODEL 64 22 CAL., SAVAGE TACTICAL 2506 W/CASE, POWER MASTER BB GUN, DAISY BB GUN, HERRING HALL MARVIN 24 GUN SAFE, LOTS AND LOTS OF AMMO.
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Rosine Cemetery
There will be a meeting **April 13, 2025**
3:00 p.m. at the Rosine Park.
Anyone interested in helping with the cemetery is urged to attend. Officers will be elected. Donations can be mailed to Rosine Cemetery Fund, P.O. box 385, Rosine, KY 42370

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION
Hartford/Beaver Dam Joint Board of Adjustment
Thursday, the 17th day of April 2025. 7:00 p.m.
Hearing Location: 309 W. 2nd Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320.
Beaver Dam City Hall Conference Room.
The board shall make findings of facts and a recommendation of approval or disapproval, in reference to an application received February 28, 2025. Conditional Use request to engage in business as a short-term Recreational Vehicle Park. Leap of Faith LLC are the applicants requesting the granting of a Conditional Use. Location: 237 South Main Street, Beaver Dam, Ohio County, KY 42320.
Please attend this meeting if you have questions or comments.
Nancy Crea, Administrator, 270-256-5798

NOTICE
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, The City of Beaver Dam will be hosting an open meeting on:
April 14, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Beaver Dam City Hall Commission Room
309 W. 2nd St.
The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss possibly a skatepark, splash pad or new playground equipment being implemented.
The public is invited to review and voice their opinion on the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project can also submit written comments to P.O. Box 408 Beaver Dam, KY 42320 by April 14, 2025.

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