

ACRE vs. DIRECT PAYMENTS DECISION WORKSHOPS

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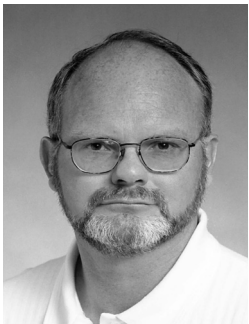
The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is a new option in the Farm Bill that is available for the 2009 crop year. It provides payments when the state and farm revenue falls below a revenue target that is updated each year. The ACRE revenue target is relatively high however, in order to be eligible for ACRE a producer would have to give up 20% of their Direct Payments, 30% of the Marketing Loan and 100% of any Counter Cyclical payments.

A decision to select ACRE for the 2009 crops has to be made by August 14, 2009. Soybean and Wheat Growers will want to have a good understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of this new program before they make a decision or simply dismiss the ACRE option. Your County Soybean Growers Association and the Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers are teaming up to help you make the best decision possible for your farm. Consider Attending an ACRE Decision Workshop in your area.

The Workshop will include the following:

- Overview of ACRE Program including Spreadsheet, State yields, State Prices, Individual Yield determinations. Presenters will provide analysis and general observations on when it will pay to be in ACRE and when it will not pay.
- Question and Answers Period: There will be a discussion on what growers should be looking at when making a decision.
- Analysis of how Corn, Soybean, Wheat, Barley and other crops may fair under the ACRE program. What types of farms may benefit from ACRE the most.
- Computer lab and one-on-one discussions: We will have 20-30 computers set up for growers who would like to learn how to use the NDSU or U of M Spreadsheets that will help analyze the program for each specific farm. These hands-on workshops are free and will be open to all producers. No Pre-registration is required and refreshments will be served. Membership in MN Wheat Growers and the MN Soybean Growers is encouraged.

Instructors



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Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Time
Wednesday, July 8th		
Hallock	Hallock City Hall	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Roseau	Gene's Bar & Grill	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
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<b>Thursday, July 9th</b>		
Argyle	American Legion	8:00 am - 11:00 am
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Monday, July 13th		
Breckenridge	Northern Grill	8:00 am - 11:00 am
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<b>Tuesday, July 14th</b>		
Crookston	Northland Inn	8:00 am - 11:00 am
Thief River Falls	Black Cat	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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Wednesday, July 15th		
Ada	VFW Club	8:00 am - 11:00 am



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