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Enrollment in Key Farm Bill Safety Net Programs Ends Soon

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On June 17, 2015 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) opened to producers the enrollment period for Agricultural Risk Coverage (**ARC**) and Price Loss Coverage (**PLC**) programs for crop years 2014 and 2015. The **enrollment will end on September 30**, 2015.

As a producer, you should have already elected your safety net approach for 2014 though 2018. Election period ended on April, 2015. However, to receive program benefits, the **final step is to enroll** in your safety net programs **by signing a contract until September 30**, 2015. Contact your local FSA county office for an appointment today (find your office here).

Stay informed! Take a look at the data on ARC/PLC programs at the FSA/USDA webpage, such as market year average prices of commodities for 2010/11 to 2015/16, projected 2015 PLC payment rates, and project prices for 2015 ARC County Coverage and ARC Individual Coverage.

Remember that as an agriculture producer on a farm with base acres you have made a one-time decision for each farm and selected one of the choices available:

- **PLC** or **ARC-County** (ARC-CO) on a covered commodity-by-covered commodity basis or;
- **ARC-Individual** (ARC-IC), which will include all covered commodities on the farm.

PLC offers price protection while the two types of ARC coverage offer revenue protection. If you would like to review how payments are calculated and details on each program option, look back at our other information notes:

- Have You Decided Which Commodity Support Program to Elect?
- Price Protection is Available Through PLC
- County Level Revenue Protection is Available Through ARC-CO
- ARC-IC: Revenue Protection at Farm Level

You can also look for more information such as web tools, contract appendix, and much more at the main FSA/USDA webpage for ARC and PLC programs.

Have any questions or concerns? **Contact us!**

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