

Arkansas To Host Five Meetings On 2008 Farm Bill

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Arkansas will host five public meetings about the 2008 Farm Bill in November at Dumas, Brinkley, Morrilton, Jonesboro and Hope.

“These meetings are critical for anyone affected by the 2008 Farm Bill,” said Dr. Bobby Coats, extension economist for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.

Each meeting begins at 9 a.m. and is expected to conclude at 3 p.m. There is no charge to attend. FSA state office specialists will be conducting the meetings. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- November 18, DUMAS – Convention Center
- November 19, BRINKLEY – Convention Center
- November 20, MORRILTON – Conway County Fairgrounds, all-purpose building
- November 24, JONESBORO – Arkansas State University Convocation Center, banquet

hall, lower red entrance

- November 25, HOPE – University of Arkansas Experiment Station.

Topics for discussion include: new direct attribution and payment limitation rules, the new Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), revisions to the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), five new Disaster Programs, new incentives to the Farm Storage Facility Loans, new options in Conservation Programs, changes to Price Support Programs and changes to the Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

The meetings are being conducted by the Farm Service Agency, in partnership with the Cooperative Extension Service, Arkansas Farm Bureau, Arkansas Department of Agriculture, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Small Farm Program Division, and The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Δ