

Stanly Soil & Water Conservation District

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Conservation Information

From your Farm Service Agency...

ARC/PLC 2020 Sign up and Yield Updates

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

The programs cover 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.

Until June 30, 2020, producers can enroll in ARC/PLC for 2020. Additionally, Owners will have a 1-time opportunity in 2020 to update PLC yields of covered commodity base crops on their farm, regardless of program election. The updated yield will be equal to 90% of the producer's average yield per planted acre in crop years 2013-2017, subject to the ratio obtained by dividing the 2008-2012 average national yield by the 2013-2017 average national yield for the covered commodity. If the reported yield in any year is less than 75% of the 2013-2017 average county yield, then the yield will be substituted with 75% of the county average yield.

More Information

For more information on ARC and PLC, download our [program fact sheet](#) or our [2014-2018 farm bills comparison fact sheet](#). Online ARC and PLC election decision tools are available at fsa.usda.gov/arc/plc.

To enroll, contact your [FSA county office](#) for an appointment.

District Board Members

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Jody Smith	Treasurer
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District Board Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center. All meetings are open to the public.

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2020 Resource Conservation Workshop

We are currently seeking a rising junior or senior (present seniors not eligible) with an interest in natural resource conservation to attend the 2020 Resource Conservation Workshop (RCW) to be held June 21-26, 2020 at NC State University.

The Resource Conservation Workshop is a weeklong workshop and involves study and hands on participation in a wide range of conservation topics. Students are housed at NC State University campus dormitories under the guidance of live-in counselors. In order to achieve success, students should come prepared to meet the primary objective of the workshop -- learning about natural resources and their management in today's global environment. Awards and scholarships can be won and are presented to students under several awards programs. Here are a few photos from the 2019 RCW.



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Area VIII Spring Meeting

The 2020 Area VIII Spring Meeting was hosted by Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District in Anson County on March 4, 2020. Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union Counties make up Area VIII. The meeting was held at the Welika Fish House in Lilesville. Following a light breakfast the business meeting was called to order. The minutes of the 2019 fall area meeting and the treasurer's report were approved.

The following agencies presented their reports: NC Association of SWCD, NC Division of SWCD, Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Association of Conservation Districts, NC Foundation for SWCD and the NC Conservation District Employees Association.

The afternoon session concluded with a tour of Anson High School agriculture program. The students are learning hands-on about hydroponics and other unique, unconventional growing practices.



USDA Opens Signup March 23 for Added Causes of Loss Under WHIP+

USDA announced additional disaster assistance available to agricultural producers, including producers impacted by drought and excess moisture as well as sugar beet growers. Through WHIP+, USDA is helping producers recover from losses related to 2018 and 2019 natural disasters.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will open signup on March 23 for producers to apply for eligible losses of drought (D3 or above) and excess moisture. USDA is also entering into agreements with six sugar beet processing cooperatives to distribute \$285 million to grower members of those cooperatives who experienced loss.

In June 2019, more than \$3 billion was made available through a disaster relief package passed by Congress and signed by President Trump. In December 2019, Congress passed, and President Trump signed the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 that provides an additional \$1.5 billion for the continuation of disaster assistance program delivery.

WHIP+ New Qualifying Disaster Events

The bill added excessive moisture and D3 and D4 drought as qualifying losses for WHIP+ assistance. Beginning March 23, producers who suffered either of these types of loss in 2018 and/or 2019 can apply for WHIP+ assistance at their local FSA office. For drought, a producer is eligible if any area of the county in which the loss occurred was rated D3 (Extreme Drought) or higher on the U.S. Drought Monitor during calendar years 2018 or 2019.

WHIP+ for Quality Loss

In addition, producers have reported widespread crop quality loss from eligible disaster events that results in price deductions or penalties when marketing the damaged crops. The Appropriations bill expands WHIP+ to include assistance for crop quality loss. FSA is gathering data and input from producers and stakeholders regarding the extent and types of quality loss nationwide.

Eligibility

To be eligible for WHIP+, producers must have suffered losses of certain crops, trees, bushes, or vines in counties with a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or a Secretarial Disaster Designation (primary counties only) for the following named natural disaster events; hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms, wildfires, and now excessive moisture that occurred in 2018 or 2019. Also, losses located in a county not designated by the Secretary as a primary county may be eligible if the producer provides documentation showing that the loss was due to a qualifying natural disaster event.

For drought, counties having a D3 or D4 Drought Monitor classification in any portion of the county anytime during calendar year 2018 or 2019 will also be eligible.

A list of counties that received qualifying hurricane declarations and designations is available at farmers.gov/recover/whip-plus. The U.S. Drought Monitor is available at <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>.

Because livestock losses are covered by other disaster recovery programs offered through FSA, these losses are not eligible for WHIP+.

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CRP-Grasslands Signup

CRP-Grassland signup begins March 16 and ends May 15, 2020.

CRP-Grasslands allows participants to protect pasture and rangeland while maintaining it as working grazing lands. Farmers and ranchers who enroll in the program receive an annual rental payment and up to 50 percent cost-share for establishing approved conservation practices. Participants retain the right to conduct common grazing practices, produce hay, mow, install fencing and other management practices, however, timing of some practices may be restricted by bird nesting seasons. Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations and improves environmental quality. Small livestock operations with 100 or fewer grazing dairy cows or equivalent can submit applications to enroll up to 200 acres per farm.

To be eligible, land must currently be planted to a grass cover and participants must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to closing the CRP enrollment period, unless:

- o The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death;
- o The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law; or
- o The circumstances of the acquisition present adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.

Contract duration is either 10 or 15 years. FSA will rank applications using several ranking factors including existence of expiring CRP acres, number of grassland acres; existing multi-species cover and predominance of native species and cost. **Enrollment in CRP-Grasslands requires an office visit. Please call the county office to make an appointment for enrollment.**

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