

“Farm Service Agency (FSA) Offices have issued most of the 2012 federal farm program payments to Nebraska farmers, ranchers and landowners,” announced State Director Dan Steinkruger. “These payments include Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payments, and the final Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program direct payments authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill.”

CRP payments will be reduced for acreage that was hayed and grazed under the emergency drought provisions. All of the payments are subject to eligibility conditions including Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), wetland compliance and highly erodible land compliance, as well as other contract provisions.

Most of the payments are issued by direct deposit. Statements are mailed from FSA’s Kansas City Office explaining the payments. Questions should be directed to local FSA offices.

Steinkruger added, “These payments represent the last of direct payments. Without a Farm Bill FSA is no longer processing new CRP contracts and 2013 programs are uncertain at this time.”