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Still small, but ACRE participation continues to climb

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With the August 14th deadline rapidly approaching, more and more producers are taking another look at their crops and commodity prices and deciding that the new Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) is for them. As of Monday, August 3, almost 8,500 producers had signed up for the program, as the chart below indicates. Illinois producers were leading the “pack,” followed by Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

However, as of August 5, another 3,000 had completed their contracts, bringing that total to almost 11,500, according to Farm Service Agency Sources. In total, almost 22,000 contracts have been initiated.

While those numbers are growing steadily, the majority of the 1.8 million producers eligible for signup are still sticking with the traditional Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). About 1.4 million are enrolled in the DCP.

As we’ve noted in previous editions of *Agri-Pulse*, several corn grower associations and university Extension staff experts have posted helpful ACRE tools on their web sites. FSA has also launched an ACRE webpage, with educational information, including an electronic program payment calculator, located at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp>.

Here are the state-by-state signup details as of August 3, 2009.

State	DCP Approved 2008	DCP Approved 2009	ACRE Approved 2009	Total % Complete
ALABAMA	26811	18048	4	67.33%
ALASKA	37	34	0	91.89%
ARIZONA	1693	1263	0	74.60%
ARKANSAS	26422	19480	0	73.73%
CALIFORNIA	11746	8817	0	75.06%
COLORADO	16915	14565	3	86.12%
CONNECTICUT	1160	396	0	34.14%
DELAWARE	4075	2394	42	59.78%

FLORIDA	5151	3693	0	71.69%
GEORGIA	35186	24608	0	69.94%
IDAHO	15358	11712	59	76.64%
ILLINOIS	167314	131083	1877	79.47%
INDIANA	114473	86902	445	76.30%
IOWA	154838	134720	1549	88.01%
KANSAS	102437	92118	90	90.01%
KENTUCKY	49067	32579	74	66.55%
LOUISIANA	20359	15341	2	75.36%
MAINE	2341	877	1	37.51%
MARYLAND	13777	5941	5	43.16%
MASSACHUSETTS	1009	172	2	17.24%
MICHIGAN	60192	37969	55	63.17%
MINNESOTA	99700	84085	134	84.47%
MISSISSIPPI	25284	16590	16	65.68%
MISSOURI	78346	65672	77	83.92%
MONTANA	22292	18010	71	81.11%
NEBRASKA	86381	74575	1487	88.05%
NEVADA	276	212	0	76.81%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	678	298	0	43.95%
NEW JERSEY	2999	1484	0	49.48%
NEW MEXICO	4037	2960	0	73.32%
NEW YORK	24751	15483	2	62.56%
NORTH CAROLINA	58723	37350	5	63.61%
NORTH DAKOTA	56429	42177	87	74.90%
OHIO	102976	76992	459	75.21%
OKLAHOMA	50909	41777	928	83.88%
OREGON	8016	5401	11	67.51%
PENNSYLVANIA	36050	15412	63	42.93%
RHODE ISLAND	88	47	0	53.41%
SOUTH CAROLINA	18698	9480	0	50.70%
SOUTH DAKOTA	51933	41746	665	81.66%
TENNESSEE	36913	28063	5	76.04%
TEXAS	95066	79269	3	83.39%
UTAH	4618	3352	2	72.63%
VERMONT	2985	743	0	24.89%
VIRGINIA	26568	18738	2	70.54%
WASHINGTON	11036	6868	168	63.75%
WEST VIRGINIA	2878	1131	0	39.30%
WISCONSIN	87760	68369	93	78.01%
WYOMING	3964	2919	3	73.71%
TOTALS	1830715	1401915	8489	77.04%