



USDA's Farm Service Agency apologizes for delayed farm & conservation program payments

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Washington, Jan. 21 – USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has formally apologized to agricultural producers who experienced a delay in receiving 2009 farm and conservation program payments. The apology is contained in a letter inserted into FSA's mailout of 2009 tax year CCC-1099-G forms to producers.

"As part of Farm Service Agency's ongoing effort to improve our service, the 2009 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payments and 2009 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) final direct payments were transitioned into a new payment processing system," explains the agency. "As a result, you may have experienced a delay in receiving your 2009 CRP and 2009 DCP payment - and for this we sincerely apologize."

FSA began mailing the letter and accompanying tax information on Jan. 20, the agency said in a notice Thursday to its state and county offices.

In the letter, FSA recommends that producers verify the amounts shown on the 1099 forms with their records and contact their local FSA Service Center if there's a discrepancy.

"If the FSA Service Center agrees that an amount(s) is incorrect or missing, you will be mailed a corrected Form CCC-1099-G," the letter states.

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