

## Farm Bill Workshops Scheduled

### Fast Facts

- Learn to use web-based decision tools
- Includes discussion of Yield Update, Base Reallocation, ARC, PLC, and SCO

The following workshops are being conducted by Tony Franco, FSA's chief of Farm Programs, Anita Wilson, Agricultural Program specialist with FSA, Robert Coats and other FSA and Division of Agriculture specialists.

The program includes FSA information requirements and the following topics will be covered include:

- Required information
- Retain or Update Yields
- Retain or Reallocate Base
- Compare Agricultural Risk Coverage, or ARC, and Price Loss Coverage, or PLC
- Consider Agricultural Risk Coverage – individual coverage
- Supplemental Coverage Option, or SCO, and STAX offered under the federal crop insurance program
- Election and annual enrollment
- Web-based decision aid demonstration with examples

Here is the schedule and local contacts for each Farm Bill workshop event:

- **Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-noon – Jonesboro**, Northeast Arkansas Exposition and Conference Center, Contact: Branon Thiesse, [thiesse@uaex.edu](mailto:thiesse@uaex.edu) (870) 933-4565
- **Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-noon – Wynne**, Technology Center for the Delta. Contacts: Richard Klerk, [raklerk@uaex.edu](mailto:raklerk@uaex.edu) (870) 238-5745; Rick Wimberley [rwimberley@uaex.edu](mailto:rwimberley@uaex.edu), (870) 238-5745.
- **Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-noon – Forrest City**, Mid-South Health Systems. Contact: Mitch Crow, [mcrow@uaex.edu](mailto:mcrow@uaex.edu), (870) 261-1730.
- **Nov. 3, 8:30 a.m.-noon – Lonoke**, Arkansas Rural Water Association, Contacts: Jeff Welch, [jwelch@uaex.edu](mailto:jwelch@uaex.edu), (501) 676-3124; [Sherry.West@ar.usda.gov](mailto:Sherry.West@ar.usda.gov)
- **Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-noon – Newport**, ASU-Newport. Contacts: Jim Barnes, (870) 523-8986 x105; Sarah Metzger [smetzger@uaex.edu](mailto:smetzger@uaex.edu) (870) 523-7450.
- **Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-noon – Pocahontas**, Black River Technical College, Development Center Auditorium. Contact: Mike Andrews, [mandrews@uaex.edu](mailto:mandrews@uaex.edu) (870) 892-4504.
- **Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-noon – Paragould**, Paragould Community Center. Contacts: Allen Davis, [ardavis@uaex.edu](mailto:ardavis@uaex.edu), (870) 236-6921; Dave Freeze, [dfreeze@uaex.edu](mailto:dfreeze@uaex.edu) (870) 236-6921.
- **Nov. 10, 2 p.m. Dairy Farm Bill County Agent In-Service ZOOM Training Session**

- **Nov. 10, 6 p.m. – West Memphis**, Mid-South Community College. Contact: Russell Parker, [rparker@uaex.edu](mailto:rparker@uaex.edu), (870) 739-3239.
- **Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-noon – McCrory**, Three County Fair Grounds Entertainment Building, Contact Eugene Terhune, [eterhune@uaex.edu](mailto:eterhune@uaex.edu), (870) 347-2556.
- **Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-noon – Portland**, Portland Baptist Church. Contact Kevin Norton, [knorton@uaex.edu](mailto:knorton@uaex.edu), (870-853-2080).
- **Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-noon – Marianna**, Lon Mann Cotton Research Station. Contacts: Shawn Payne, [spayne@uaex.edu](mailto:spayne@uaex.edu) (870) 338-8027; Robert Goodson, [rgoodson@uaex.edu](mailto:rgoodson@uaex.edu), (870) 338-8027; Stan Baker, [swbaker@uaex.edu](mailto:swbaker@uaex.edu), (870) 295-7720; Van Banks, [vbanks@uaex.edu](mailto:vbanks@uaex.edu), (870) 747-3397.
- **Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m.-noon – Stuttgart**, Rice Research and Extension Center. Contacts: Chuck Capps, [ccapps@uaex.edu](mailto:ccapps@uaex.edu), (870) 946-3231; Grant Beckwith, [gbeckwith@uaex.edu](mailto:gbeckwith@uaex.edu), (870) 673-2661.
- **Nov. 19, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. – Pine Bluff**, S.J. Parker Extension Auditorium UAPB. Contacts: Roderick Woods, [rod.woods.@ar.usda.gov](mailto:rod.woods.@ar.usda.gov)
- **Nov. 20, 9 a.m.-noon – Morrilton**, Conway County Fair Grounds Multi-Purpose Building. Contact: Kevin VanPelt, [kvanpelt@uaex.edu](mailto:kvanpelt@uaex.edu), (501) 354-9618.
- **Nov. 25, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.** Dairy Webinar – Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers. Contact: Archie Flanders, (870) 526-2199 Ext. 108
- **Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-noon – Keiser**, Northeast Research and Extension Center. Contacts: Ray Benson, [rbenson@uaex.edu](mailto:rbenson@uaex.edu), (870) 762-20175; Keith Morris, FSA, [keith.morris@ar.usda.gov](mailto:keith.morris@ar.usda.gov).
- **Dec 1, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. – Manila**, Airport Center. Contacts: Ray Benson, [rbenson@uaex.edu](mailto:rbenson@uaex.edu), (870) 762-20175; Keith Morris, FSA, [keith.morris@ar.usda.gov](mailto:keith.morris@ar.usda.gov).
- **Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-noon – McGehee**, McGehee Men's Club, #1 Airport Road South. Contact: Wes Kirkpatrick, [wkirkpatrick@uaex.edu](mailto:wkirkpatrick@uaex.edu), 870-222-3972 and Gus Wilson, [gwilson@uaex.edu](mailto:gwilson@uaex.edu), (870) 265-8055.

The Farm Bill web-based decision aid session schedule:

- **Nov. 4, 6 p.m. – West Memphis**, Mid-South Community College, Reynolds Building, Room 113. This session is limited to 20 participants each and pre-event registration is required. Contact Russ Parker at (870) 739.3239 or Scott Stiles at (870) 972.2481 to register.
- **Nov. 6, p.m. – Jonesboro**, Arkansas State University College of Agriculture, Ag 242. This session is limited to 25 participants and pre-event registration is required. Contact Scott Stiles at (870) 972-2481.

- **Nov. 18, 6 p.m. – West Memphis**, Mid-South Community College, Reynolds Building, Room 113. This session is limited to 20 participants each and attendees must register before the event. Contact Russ Parker at (870) 739-3239 or Scott Stiles at (870) 972-2481 to register.
- **Nov. 20, 6 p.m. – Jonesboro**, Arkansas State University College of Agriculture, Ag 242. This session is limited to 25 participants and pre-event registration is required. Contact Scott Stiles at (870) 972-2481.
- **Dec 5, 9 a.m. – Stuttgart**, Rice Research and Extension Center  
Contact Brad Watkins (870) 673-2661 or Bobby Coats (502) 671-2195.
- **Dec 12, 9 a.m., Rice Research and Extension Center** – Stuttgart, Arkansas. Contact Brad Watkins (870) 673-2661 or Bobby Coats (502) 671-2195.
- **Dec 15, 9 a.m., Rice Research and Extension Center** – Stuttgart, Arkansas. Contact Brad Watkins (870) 673-2661 or Bobby Coats (502) 671-2195.
- **January 12, 9 a.m., Rice Research and Extension Center** – Stuttgart, Arkansas. Contact Brad Watkins (870) 673-2661, Danny Hoots (870) 946-3331 ext 2, or Bobby Coats (502) 671-2195.
- **January 16, 9 a.m., Rice Research and Extension Center** – Stuttgart, Arkansas. Contact Brad Watkins (870) 673-2661, Danny Hoots (870) 946-3331 ext 2, or Bobby Coats (502) 671-2195.
- **January 26, 9 a.m., Rice Research and Extension Center** – Stuttgart, Arkansas. Contact Brad Watkins (870) 673-2661, Danny Hoots (870) 946-3331 ext 2, or Bobby Coats (502) 671-2195.

The workshops are being offered jointly by the Farm Service Agency and the University Of Arkansas System Division Of Agriculture. There is no cost to attend.

We are grateful for the support and sponsorship of Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation; Agricultural Council of Arkansas, and Arkansas Rice Federation.

Producers with questions about the 2014 Farm Bill can also contact:

- Bobby Coats, Professor – Agricultural Economics, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, [501-671-2195](tel:501-671-2195).
- Brad Watkins, Professor – Agricultural Economics, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, [870-673-2661](tel:870-673-2661).
- Archie Flanders, Assistant Professor – Agricultural Economics, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, Keiser, [870-526-2199](tel:870-526-2199), x108.
- Scott Stiles, Instructor – Agricultural Economics, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, Jonesboro, [870-972-2481](tel:870-972-2481).

For more information on the 2014 Farm Bill, visit [www.uaex.edu/farbill](http://www.uaex.edu/farbill).

The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

# # #