

**USDA Farm Service Agency Report
For
Racine County Land Conservation Committee meeting
December 2020**

ARCPLC

Producers have until March 15, 2021 to get their 2021 program year ARCPLC contracts signed and submitted to FSA. Under the 2018 Farm Bill, for the 2021 program year, producers and landowners can again choose between the three programs; ARC-CO, ARC-IC and PLC. County Office staff will be reaching out to producers in order to explain the signup process. Resources are available at <https://www.farmers.gov/arc-plc> or <https://aae.wisc.edu/pdmitchell/extension/arc-plc-signup/>

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

USDA announced a sign up for General CRP from Jan. 4, 2021 to Feb. 12, 2021 and a sign up for CRP Grasslands from March 15, 2020 to April 23, 2021. Producers that are interested in any CRP program, including General CRP, Grasslands, Continuous CRP or the CREP are encouraged to call Julie Tallman in the Walworth office at 262-723-3216, extension 2 or email at julie.tallman@usda.gov to inquire about the program and what practices they are interested in installing. Producers can also call the Racine County Land Conservation Department and ask about CRP/CREP and what would work best on their land.

Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL)

FSA is currently taking applications for marketing assistance loans which provide producers with interim financing at harvest to meet cash flow needs. MAL's are 9-month term loans and use the producer's harvested commodity as loan collateral. The December interest rate for MAL's is currently 1.125%. Producers have until March 31, 2021 to apply for a MAL on their 2020 small grains such as wheat and oats. May 31, 2021 is the deadline to apply for a MAL on 2020 coarse grains; corn and soybeans.

Please check out <https://www.farmers.gov/> for all available programs FSA has to offer.

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