

USDA issues CRP, direct and ACRE payments

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Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Oct. 21 that USDA has begun distributing Conservation Reserve Program annual rental payments to participants across the country. USDA was also scheduled to distribute 2013 direct payments and 2012 Average Crop Revenue Election program payments beginning Oct. 24.

Payments originally were scheduled to be issued earlier in October but were delayed by several weeks due to the lapse in federal funding.

“Farmers, ranchers and rural landowners across the country count on USDA programs, and the payment delays due to the shutdown were an unnecessary burden,” Vilsack said. “USDA has prioritized making these scheduled payments without any further delay, and Farm Service Agency staff have worked hard to get this assistance out the door as quickly as possible.”

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