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## USDA Encourages Producers to Enroll in Safety Net Program

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### *Beat the Rush – Make an Appointment with FSA*

**HURON, SD, Jan. 27, 2020** – USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) South Dakota Acting State Executive Director Jamie White encourages agricultural producers to sign up now for the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. The deadline to choose between ARC or PLC and complete enrollment for the 2019 crop year is March 15, 2020.

“If you do not have an appointment scheduled with your local county FSA office, please call and get one scheduled immediately. By making an appointment now, producers can beat the rush and get the process completed before focusing on spring planting,” White said. Producers who complete the ARC and PLC election and enrollment process now, will still have until March 15 to come back and make changes, if necessary.

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

“Start by contacting your local FSA office as soon as possible to make an appointment. FSA staff can provide you with knowledge and resources to aid in the enrollment process and ensure FSA meets your customer service expectations,” said White.

For more information on ARC and PLC including two online decision tools that assist producers in making enrollment and election decisions specific to their operations, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc).

To schedule an appointment, contact your FSA county office by visiting [farmers.gov/service-center-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-center-locator).

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