

# Weekly Article

## ARC or PLC?

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Hello, my Name is Richard Purdin with OSU Extension, Ag and Natural Resource Educator and Community Development Educator for Adams County. I hope to better inform local producers and the public of the latest news in the world of Agriculture. 2021 is officially off and going and producers are back to the grinding stone, grinding away. Between tending to livestock, cleaning fence rows, hauling manure, and working on taxes, downtime on the farm is limited even during winter. The beginning of the new year has settled in on the mild side of things mainly due to the La Nina weather pattern taking shape across the United States. This means a mainly mild but wet winter and Spring. Of course, this is the weather and is very subject to change. Speaking of change, 2021 has ushered in a very positive change for commodities with soybeans in the \$13 dollar range and corn sitting comfy at \$4.50 or higher. Producers might want to think about reevaluating their risk management options through the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Today I just want to touch on what options are available and what each option provides.

Here are some Key Takeaways:

- Enrollment deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you do not elect a program by that date the election will default to the current election for crops on the farm from the prior crop year.
- It is an option to make an election change, but a new contract must be signed no matter if changes are made or not. Make an appointment with your Local FSA office to sign off on the enrollment.
- Your Choices are Agriculture Risk Coverage County (ARC-CO), Agriculture Risk Coverage Individual (ARC-IC), or Price Loss Coverage (PLC).
- PLC – based on commodity price loss and payments are triggered by lower prices. The prices are based off reference prices set throughout the marketing year. Corn = September 2021, Wheat = May 2021, Soybeans = August of 2021
- ARC -CO – based on county revenue, this takes in account average county yield and price.
- ARC-IC – payments are triggered in cases where FSA farm has 100% preventive plant acres. Farms that are prone to big swings in yield or often flooded or drought prone best meet this election.
- Make an appointment by calling the FSA office first to make changes and sign your contract. Adams County FSA office phone is (937) 544-2033.

Some other details to go over:

- The OSU Extension Office will be closed to the public and OSU Extension staff will be teleworking from home starting December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you need assistance you can still contact us at (937) 544-2339.
- 2021 Fertilizer/Pesticide Private Applicators in person course is planned for March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Cherry Fork Community Center (gym) 5:00pm – 9:00pm. If you need recertified, you should get an invitation in the mail (due to Covid-19 date is tentative and susceptible to change).
- 2021 GAP recertification training will be available to producers online or through the mail. The online training course will begin January 11<sup>th</sup> and run to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For more details or question please call the office at (937) 544 2339.
- For producers who still have not yet elected a 2021 crop safety net program Agriculture Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage webinars will be January 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and February 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 -11:00am. Go to <http://go.osu.edu/arcplc2021>. The deadline to sign up for this program will be March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- January 4<sup>th</sup> General CRP signup begins, and CRP Grasslands signup will begin March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and conclude April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Contact the farm service agency for assistance in signing up for these programs.
- OSU Extension Beef Team announces the 2021 Ohio State Extension virtual Beef School beginning January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There will be six evenings starting at 6pm and ending at 8pm via webinar, go to [https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_N\\_CtcKYwQB2I60Afug10aA](https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N_CtcKYwQB2I60Afug10aA) to register.
- OSU Specialty crops team will be presenting a seasonal High tunnel and Season Extension school beginning January 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be 6 1-hour webinar training covering 12 different topics related to using seasonal high tunnels to extend the growing season on vegetable and other specialty crops. Register at: <https://go.osu.edu/high-tunnel-school-21>