

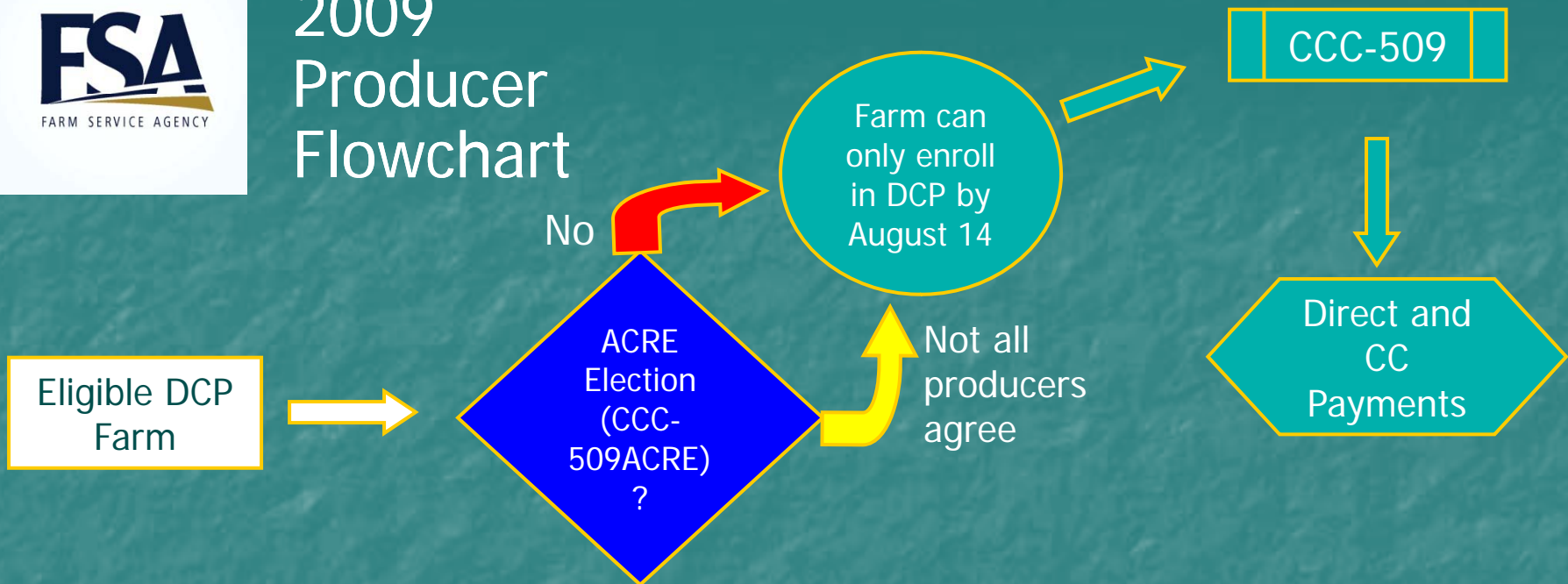


# Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program

## ACRE Election and Enrollment

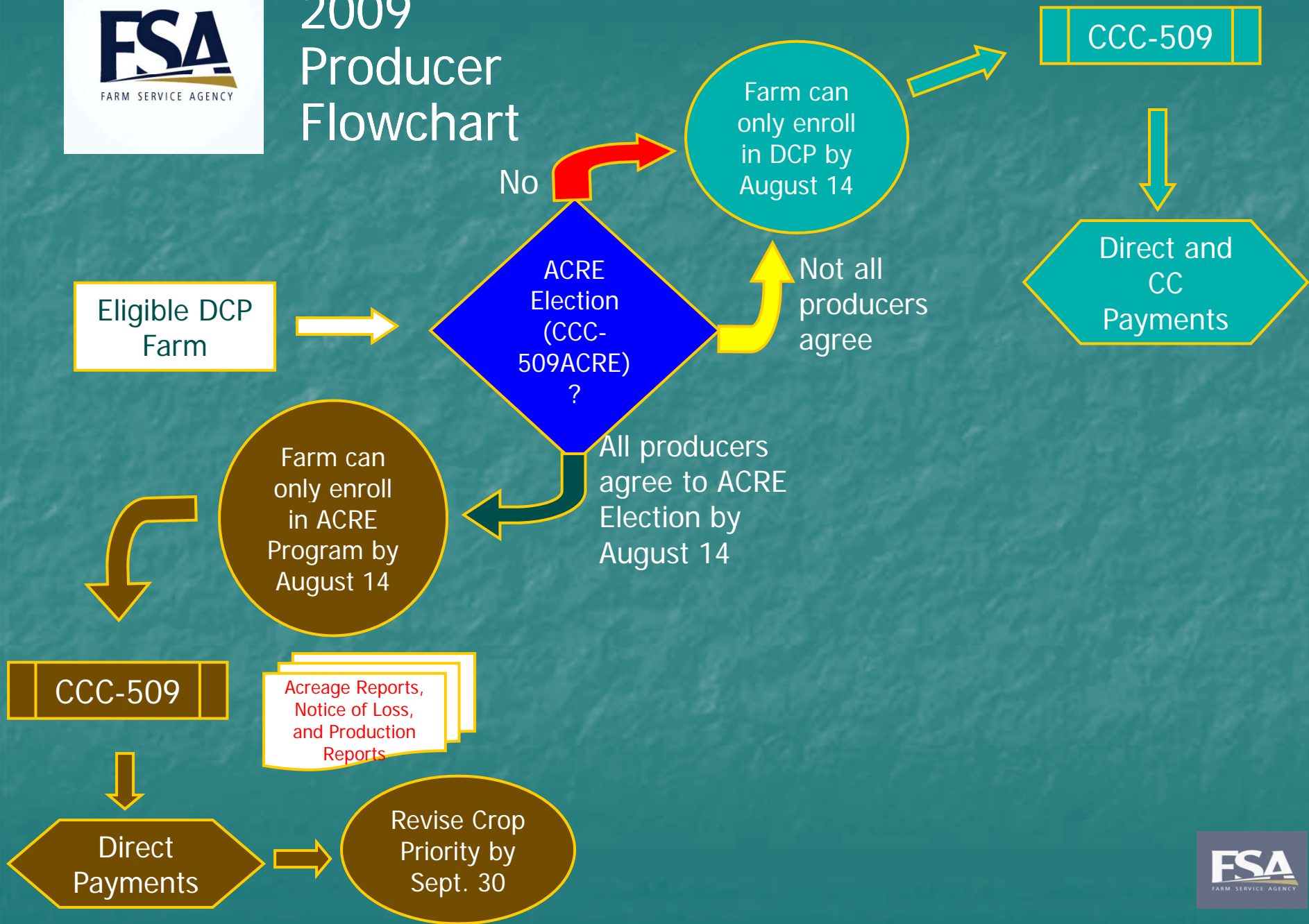


# 2009 Producer Flowchart



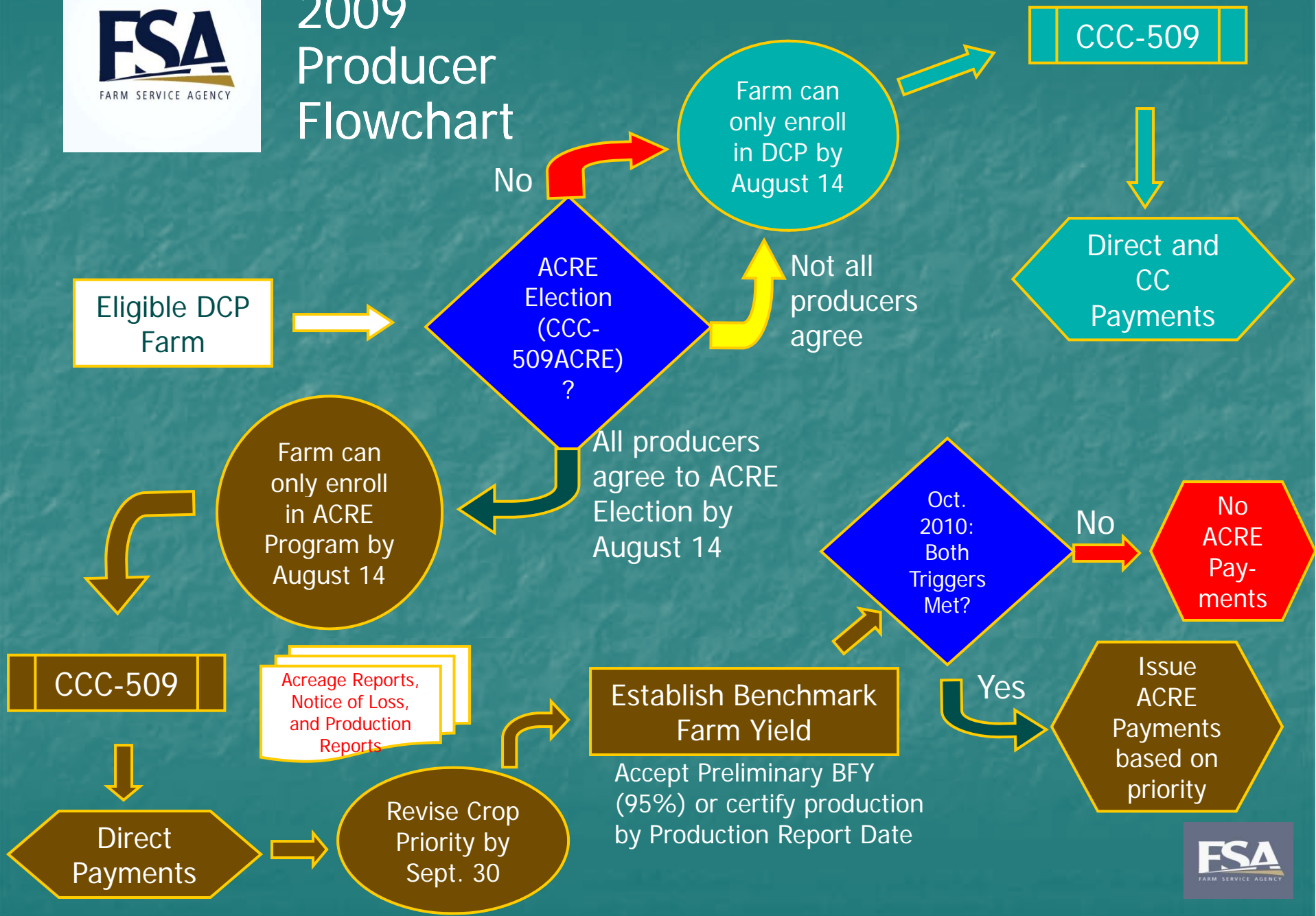


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- Farms with 10 or less acres of base acres are not eligible for DCP or ACRE Program payments
  - Exception: Farms whose owners are socially disadvantaged or are limited resource producers
    - Under this definition of “socially disadvantaged”, gender is a consideration. The waiver applies if the farm is owned by women, or at least 50% owned by women.
  - 10-Acre farms may be eligible if combined with other farms and the resulting farm’s base acreage exceeds 10 acres.



## What is needed to be provided by the producer to participate in the ACRE Program?

- Know what farms to elect ACRE Program
- Completion of Form CCC-509 ACRE
- Enrollment into the ACRE Program on Form CCC-509
- Certify previous year production on FSA-658 to increase the preliminary Benchmark Farm Yield (optional)
- Annually report acreage and production
- File a Notice of Loss for prevented planted acreage and acreage that is not harvested.



Prior to election, operators should ensure the farm meets the definition of "farm" and is properly constituted

- Request a reconstitution, if necessary, by August 1
- Producers of each resulting farm can elect the ACRE Program or remain in DCP

**Recons**

- *Division of an ACRE farm results in ACRE farms*
- *ACRE farms can only be combined with other ACRE farms*



# DCP vs. ACRE Program Payment Limitation

Program	Payment	Payment Limitation	Adjusted Gross Income <i>Not eligible if the average...</i>
DCP	Direct	\$40,000	nonfarm AGI exceeds \$500,000 or the average farm AGI exceeds \$750,000
	Counter-cyclical	\$65,000	nonfarm AGI exceeds \$500,000
ACRE	Direct	\$40,000 minus the 20% reduction	nonfarm AGI exceeds \$500,000 or the average farm AGI exceeds \$750,000
	ACRE	\$65,000 plus the 20% reduction	nonfarm AGI exceeds \$500,000







2009: August 14  
2010 – 2012: June 1

## Producers can elect to participate in the ACRE Program by the deadline

- Once elected, the farm must then enroll in the ACRE Program by the deadline if they wish to receive benefits
- ACRE farms are no longer eligible for DCP through 2012
- To participate in the ACRE Program in subsequent years, the farm must annually enroll by June 1.

Note: Even though elected into the ACRE Program, farms do not have to enroll in the program.



# ACRE Elections





# ACRE Deadline

- The deadline to elect and enroll in the ACRE Program for 2009 has been extended from June 1 to August 14, 2009.
- After election, producers must then enroll the farm in the ACRE Program to receive payments.



# Producer Signatures

All producers on the farm  
**MUST** sign the ACRE election



# ACRE Election

If enrolling in ACRE, all producers on a farm must agree to the ACRE Program election.



# Cancellations

ACRE elections can be cancelled at any time for any reason during the first year of the election through:

- August 14 for 2009
- June 1 for all future years



# Cancellations

- Farm records modifications will automatically cancel the ACRE election up through the program deadline
- The only cancellation reason that will be available for selection after the program deadline is “Out-transfer”



# DCP/ACRE Contract

## Enrollment





# DCP/ACRE Contract

FSA Modified the previously existing DCP contract application to include the ACRE contract



# Changes

All contracts that are were loaded in the system by COB Friday, April 24 were defaulted to a selection of "DCP"



# Changes

- A selection of "DCP" or "ACRE" must be made for all contracts loaded in the system after Friday, April 24
- If producers switch from DCP to ACRE, all previously entered information will be removed and new signatures will be required



# Options Not Applicable to ACRE

- The following options are not available for ACRE contracts:
  - Advance CC
  - Refuse CC Payments



# Additional Information

- The ACRE contract can not be approved until the ACRE election is approved
- The ACRE contract must be cancelled before the ACRE election can be cancelled



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- Production Requirements
  - Producers may certify previous yields to establish the Benchmark Farm Yield (historical crop yield for the farm)
  - Actual year production must be certified or provided to determine actual farm revenue
    - Failure to provide may result in ineligibility



# Summary

- ACRE Program is another option for farms that are eligible to participate in DCP
- Payments may be issued for planted and prevented planted covered commodity crops and peanuts
- Farms do not have to have base acreage of the planted (or prevented) crop to receive ACRE payments



# Summary

- ACRE election must be signed by all producers on the farm by the applicable deadline
- Election is on a farm by farm basis. However, all crops are considered to be in the ACRE program once elected.
- Farms that do not elect to participate in the ACRE Program, may elect to participate in the following year
- Farms that elect to participate in the ACRE program are not eligible to participate in DCP through 2012.