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## **Time is Now to Apply for Crop Assistance Waiting Could Delay Payments**

(Phoenix, AZ) The U.S.D.A.'s Farm Service Agency warns farmers that delaying application for Price Loss Coverage (PLC) or Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) might push the payments later in the year.

The deadline is September 30, but since the program may cover two years the Farm Service Administration is concerned about the volume of applications. It says that if processing the paperwork takes into October, payments will be delayed.

“It’s important for Arizona farmers to gather their paperwork and file it with Farm Services,” said Mark Killian, director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture. “These payments can make the difference for the future of agriculture in Arizona and the U.S.

We all need to do our part to protect our industry.”

The programs, authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, provide financial protection when crop prices or revenues drop. There are almost two dozen covered crops including wheat, soybeans and corn.

The Farm Services Agency worked with universities to create online tools for farmers to easily explore program options for their situation.

For more information about the program and access to the online tools, visit the [USDA website](#).

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