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**Commodity Program Choices by Maryland Farmers under  
the 2014 Farm Bill.**

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The Farm Service Agency of USDA has released information on farmer signups for the three program options: Price Loss Coverage (PLC), county Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC-CO), and individual Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC-IC). Information is available here:

[http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc\\_program/index](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc_program/index)

Percent of farms enrolling in each program, by commodity:

| crop          | percent<br>in PLC | percent<br>ARC-CO | percent in<br>ARC-IC |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| BARLEY        | 75.3              | 24.6              | 0.1                  |
| CORN          | 5.0               | 94.9              | 0.1                  |
| GRAIN SORGHUM | 10.6              | 89.4              | 0.0                  |
| OATS          | 51.1              | 48.9              | 0.0                  |
| SOYBEANS      | 3.7               | 96.2              | 0.1                  |
| SUNFLOWERS    | 22.8              | 77.2              | 0.0                  |
| WHEAT         | 47.2              | 52.7              | 0.2                  |

Percent of base acres enrolled in each program, by commodity:

| crop          | percent<br>in PLC | percent<br>ARC-CO | percent in<br>ARC-IC |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| BARLEY        | 79.8              | 20.2              | 0.0                  |
| CORN          | 5.4               | 94.5              | 0.1                  |
| GRAIN SORGHUM | 13.1              | 86.9              | 0.0                  |
| OATS          | 45.8              | 54.2              | 0.0                  |
| SOYBEANS      | 3.8               | 96.1              | 0.1                  |
| SUNFLOWERS    | 16.8              | 83.2              | 0.0                  |
| WHEAT         | 51.3              | 48.5              | 0.1                  |

Corn and soybeans went heavily into ARC-CO, based on the expectation that high historical yields in those crops might fall back in future years. Barley went heavily into PLC, based on the expectation (and USDA projection) that barley prices would be quite low in future years. Wheat was about evenly split between PLC and ARC-CO probably based on county differences in the expected payouts of the ARC-CO for that crop.

Participation in ARC-IC was very low. It appears that 14 farms in the state opted for ARC-IC; those farms primarily had base acres in corn, wheat, and soybeans.