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## **Madera County FSA Updates**

Dear PRODUCERS: Welcome to the new GovDelivery bulletins and updates service from your Madera County FSA Office. Note that you are welcome to request to receive bulletins from more than one state and/or county and can add or remove individual subscriptions at any time.

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### **Name County FSA Office    Acreage Reporting**

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After spring planting, producers should certify their 2013 acreage. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops enrolled in programs other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program), acreage reports are to be certified by the March 15th deadline on orchards and a July 15th deadline on all other crops.

Acreage reports on crops covered by NAP are due in the county Office by the earlier of the acreage reporting date, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

If you have any questions regarding when your crop should be reported, please contact our office at (559) 674-4628 ext. 2 and a member of our staff will be happy to assist you.

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### **Farm Record Changes**

**June 1, 2013**, is the deadline to provide changes to your farm records at the local FSA office for the current crop year. If you are changing your operation entity type, adding or dropping cropland or farms, or adding entities to your operation, contact our office at (559)674-4628 ext. 2 before June 1, 2013.

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## **Microloans Are Cultivating Big Dreams on a Small Scale**

Microloans are helping small niche and beginning farmers and ranchers meet their goals. The less burdensome and more simplified loan process allows producers to apply for a maximum of \$35,000 to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop houses, essential tools, irrigation, delivery vehicles and annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents, marketing, and distribution expenses. Producers interested in applying for a microloan should contact the Merced FSA office at (209)722-4119 ext. 2 to make an appointment with a Farm Loan Officer.

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## **DCP Contract Signup**

The Madera County FSA office is scheduling appointments for the 2013 DCP program. If you have NO changes and would like to schedule an appointment now please call the office.

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