



Nebraska State FSA Updates

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Dates to Remember

May 31 - Final MAL and LDP availability date ([list of crops](#))

June 1 - 2010 SURE signup deadline

June 1 - 2012 DCP/ACRE signup deadline

June 30 - 2012 Acreage Reporting for small grains

July 15 - 2012 Acreage Reporting for all other 2012 crops

July 15 - 2011 ACRE actual production reporting deadline

FSA April Interest Rates

Loan Type

Farm Operating: 1.50%

Farm Ownership: 3.50%

Farm Ownership-Down

Payment: 1.5%

Emergency – Actual Loss: 3.75%

Farm Storage Facility Loan 7 year term: 1.5%

Farm Storage Facility Loan 10 year term: 2.125%

Farm Storage Facility Loan 12 year term: 2.375%

Commodity Loans: 1.125%

USDA Celebrates 150th Anniversary

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is celebrating the United States Department of Agriculture's 150th anniversary. USDA was founded in 1862 when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Department of Agriculture Act that established the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Since the start, USDA has helped support the tremendous growth and success of American agriculture. FSA realizes that farmers and ranchers take risks everyday and FSA is looking forward to continue serving the producers while addressing the changing needs of agriculture and rural America.

Marketing Assistance Loans May 31st Deadline

Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) provide interim financing at harvest time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities at that time. The deadline to apply for 2011 corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, safflower, small chickpeas, soybeans, and sunflower seed is May 31, 2012.

Please contact your local FSA Office or click [here](#) for more information.

Report 2012 Acreage to FSA

Acreage reports are critical to maintain eligibility for FSA program benefits, and establish cropping history. The following deadlines apply:

June 30 – Fall and spring-seeded small grains

July 15 – all other crops, including CRP

Prevented planted acres must be reported within 15 days of the final planting date, and failed acres must be reported before disposition of the crop. Accurate reporting of crop type, intended use, planting date, crops shares and irrigation practices is important. Contact your local FSA office to make an appointment.

Website

www.fsa.usda.gov/ne



USDA Discrimination Cases

The USDA has discrimination cases that involve Hispanics, women, black farmers, and Native Americans. For more information on these cases click on the applicable link or call the respective number.

[Hispanic and Women Farmers Claims Process \(1-888-508-4429\)](#)
[Pigford-The Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation \(1-866-950-5547\)](#)
[Keepseagle-The Native American Farmers Class Action Settlement \(1-888-233-5506\)](#)



GovDelivery – Electronic Notice of FSA Information

The USDA Farm Service Agency offices are moving toward a paperless operation. Producers are asked to enroll in the new GovDelivery system which will provide notices, newsletters and electronic reminders instead of a hard copy through the mail.

FSA, like many other organizations, is trying to work smarter and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

Producers can subscribe to receive free e-mail updates by going to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe>.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay).