



## February 2013

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## Dates to Remember

**February 19, 2013** - 2013

DCP/ACRE Signup Starts

**March 15, 2013** - NAP Sales

Closing Date for Spring Seeded  
and Annual Forage Crops; Crop  
Insurance Sales Closing Date

**March 25, 2013** - Hispanic,  
Women Farmer Rancher Claim  
Process Closes

**March 31, 2013** - Marketing

Assistance Loan (MAL) and Loan  
Deficiency Payment (LDP) Final  
Availability Date for 2012 Small  
Grains, click [here](#) for list of crops

**May 31, 2013** - Marketing  
Assistance Loan (MAL) and Loan  
Deficiency Payment (LDP) Final  
Availability Date for All Other  
2012 Crops, click [here](#) for list of  
crops

**June 3, 2013** - 2013 ACRE  
Signup Ends

**June 7, 2013** - Deadline to  
Signup for 2011 SURE Program

**July 15, 2013** - 2013 Acreage  
Reporting Deadline for Spring  
Planted Crops and CRP;  
Deadline for 2012 ACRE  
Production Reports; and 2012  
NAP Production Evidence

**August 2, 2013** - 2013 DCP  
Signup Ends

## Nebraska State FSA Updates

### DCP/ACRE Signup Begins February 19th

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 provides for a one-year extension of the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE). Producers may enroll in a 2013 DCP or ACRE contract beginning on February 19th. All participants will have the opportunity to elect either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 program year. The final date to elect and enroll farms in ACRE is June 3, 2013. The final date to enroll farms in DCP is August 2, 2013. Contact your local FSA office to make a sign-up appointment.

### Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program

The MILC program has been extended through September 30, 2013. All present MILC contracts have been extended. September 2012 payments will begin being issued on February 5, 2013. October 2012 payments are expected to be issued in early March. Dairy operations must provide production evidence before receiving payments.

To change a producer's start month to any month in FY 2013 the selection must be made during the relief period of February 1 to February 28, 2013. Otherwise, standard start month procedure applies.

For more information on the MILC program click [here](#) or contact your local FSA office.

### New Microloan Program

FSA has a new agricultural Microloan program designed to assist new and beginning farmers with credit needs of \$35,000 or less, who are unable to obtain financing through commercial lenders. The loan features a streamlined application and a simplified qualification process. The Microloan interest rate is 1.125% as of February 2013. A Microloan can be used to finance start-up and operating expenses, equipment and livestock. Producers should contact their local FSA county office for additional information about this new loan program.

## **FSA Interest Rates**

Farm Operating: 1.125%  
Farm Ownership: 3.125%  
Farm Ownership-Down  
Payment: 1.5%  
Microloan: 1.125%  
Emergency –  
Actual Loss: 2.125%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan  
7 year term: 1.250%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan  
10 year term: 1.875%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan  
12 year term: 2.125%  
Commodity Loans: 1.125%

## **Conservation Reserve Program Signup Delayed**

CRP was reauthorized by the recent Farm Bill extension in the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 until September 30, 2013. Continuous CRP signup ended on September 30, 2012 when the Farm Bill originally expired. No announcements have been made at this time on when CRP signup will resume.

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## **Farm Reconstitutions**

Changes in a farming operation may result in a reconstitution of the existing FSA farm structure. In cases where a farm division occurs, base acres may be divided by one of the following methods: 1) estate, 2) designation by landowner, 3) DCP cropland percentage (tract divisions only), or 4) default method.

**Contact your local FSA office to further discuss your options for base acre divisions when a 2013 farm division will be completed.**

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## **2013 NAP Sign Up for Producers**

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers on noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to a Natural Disaster. Any landowner, tenant or sharecropper who shares in the risk of producing a NAP eligible crop and is entitled to an ownership share of that crop is considered eligible to purchase NAP.

Eligible producers may sign up for 2013 NAP coverage at the FSA office where their files are maintained. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. The spring planted crop deadline is **Friday March 15, 2013** along with Alfalfa and Grass for forage and grazing. Fee waivers are available for limited resource producers. Click [here](#) to learn more about the NAP.

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## **IRS Form 1099-G and 1099-MISC Changes**

Starting with Calendar Year 2012 changes are being made to IRS Forms 1099-G and 1099-MISC. The changes are as follows:

- Forms will not be mailed to producers if total reportable payments for each tax identification number are less than \$600
- Multi county producers will receive one IRS Form 1099-G and/or 1099-MISC for all reportable payments for each tax identification number that are equal to or greater than \$600.
- Producers subject to voluntary withholding or backup (involuntary) withholding will receive the appropriate IRS form, even if combined payments are less than \$600

## Treasury Call Center

Producers that have a debt that is 120 or more calendar days delinquent may be referred to the Treasury Department. When a debt is referred to Treasury it may be offset by other federal government payments or refunds that a producer may receive. Producers may call the Treasury Offset Program (TOP) Call Center at 1-800-304-3107 to determine if a payment or refund was offset by treasury.

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## 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>.

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