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Dates to Remember

January 31, 2013 - Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) and Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Final Availability Date for 2012 Wool, Mohair, and Unshorn Pelts

March 15, 2013 - NAP Sales Closing Date for Spring Seeded and Annual Forage Crops

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 7, 2013 - Deadline to sign up for 2011 SURE program

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

Nebraska State FSA Updates

2012 Census of Agriculture

At the end of December the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) mailed the 2012 Census of Agriculture to America's farmers and ranchers. The Census captures a complete count of all U.S. farms, ranches and those who operate them every five years. The data is used by those that serve farmers and rural communities from federal, state, and local governments to agribusinesses and trade associations.

The Census is due by February 4, 2013. Producers have the option to complete their forms online. For more information about the Census, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call 1-888-4AG-STAT (1-888-424-7828).

Report Farm Operation Changes

Remember to keep FSA updated on any changes to your farming operation for 2013. This includes additions or removals of owned or leased land from the operation, changes in an owner, operator or other producers with an interest in the operation (including newly formed entities), changes in leasing arrangements, changes to members of entities, partnerships or joint ventures, land converted to non-agricultural uses, etc. Accurate records at FSA will remain an important component of eligibility for new Farm Bill programs.

Remember Conservation Compliance

Even with the recent expiration of the 2012 Farm Bill, producers should continue to give careful consideration to conservation compliance issues. This includes ensuring that highly erodible lands are farmed using an approved conservation plan or system to maintain adequate levels of surface residue along with obtaining proper wetland determinations prior to completing work which could impact potential wetland areas. Conservation compliance violations may lead to ineligibility for farm programs implemented in future legislation. Producers should continue to file the proper forms with their local FSA office when breaking new ground, completing dirt work, or doing maintenance on existing drainage systems and seek technical assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to ensure conservation compliance is maintained.

FSA Interest Rates

Farm Operating: 1.250%
Farm Ownership: 3.125%
Farm Ownership-Down
Payment: 1.5%
Emergency – Actual Loss:
2.250%
Farm Storage Facility Loan
7 year term: 1.125%
Farm Storage Facility Loan
10 year term: 1.625%
Farm Storage Facility Loan
12 year term: 1.875%
Commodity Loans: 1.125%



Signup for 2011 Crop Revenue Losses (SURE Program) Continues

The sign up for 2011 crop losses started October 22, 2012 and runs through June 7, 2013. The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that occurred in crop year 2011. SURE is available to eligible producers on:

- farms in counties with Secretarial Disaster Declarations, including contiguous counties, that have incurred crop production or quality losses, or both, and includes all crops grown by a producer nationwide except grazed crops.
- any farm in which, for the crop year, the actual production on the farm because of disaster-related conditions is 50 percent or less than normal production on the farm.

A SURE fact sheet is available on the National FSA Website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> under the Disaster Assistance Programs tab on the left hand side, then listed under related topics.

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).