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ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

Date: June, 2004

Acreage Reporting Deadline Approaches

July 15, 2004, is the deadline to report spring planted crops. Producers are required to report ALL cropland on the farm as a condition to receive Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's), and Marketing Assistance Loans for that farm.

New Prevented Planted Provisions

Producers should report prevented planted acreage to their local FSA Office when the crop acreage is not planted due to disaster-related conditions. To be considered timely filed, prevented planted acres should be reported no later than **15 calendar days after the final planting date** established by Federal Crop Insurance. County Committee review and action are required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

New Failed Acreage Provisions

Producers should report failed crop acres to their local FSA Office when the crop is failed due to disaster-related conditions. To be timely filed, acreage reports for failed acreage shall be filed **before the crop is destroyed**. County Committee review and action is required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

Late-Filed Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)

Producers can still file an application to enroll in the DCP Program through September 30, 2004, provided a \$100.00 late-file fee is paid for the farm. Applications received after that date cannot be approved.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL)

Producers with Farm Storage Facility Loans are reminded that they must provide annual proof of crop insurance, all peril structural insurance, and flood insurance, if applicable.

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Refund of 2003 Counter-Cyclical Payments

There is the potential that under current market prices producers who received 2003 advance counter-cyclical payments may be required to repay all or a portion of these payments. Producers have two options to refund unearned advances:

Refund Option 1: CCC will automatically reduce any DCP payments you receive between October 2004 and March 2005 to satisfy your obligation to repay the unearned 2003-crop advance counter-cyclical payments. Scheduled payments you may receive during this period include 2004-crop final direct payments, 2004-crop advance counter-cyclical payments, and 2005-crop advance direct payments. For this method you need not take any action—the FSA Service Center will automatically take deductions from future DCP payments.

Refund Option 2: This method follows procedures under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA). Under this option you will be sent an initial notification letter following the end of each crop’s marketing year that will inform you of the specific amount of the debt, followed by a first demand letter. At that time you may settle the debt by writing a check to CCC. ***Please inform your local FSA Office by June 15, 2004, if you wish to use Refund Option 2.***

Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Producers with NAP coverage are reminded that July 15 is the final acreage reporting date for the following crops:

cantaloupes	cucumbers	eggplant	okra
onions	peas	peppers	pumpkins
squash	sweet potatoes	watermelons	sugarcane
sunflowers	corn	cotton	soybeans
grain sorghum	peanuts	rice	butterbeans

beans (all types, including pinto, green, lima, etc.)

Program Deadlines

DCP Late-Filed Sign-up \$100.00	June 1 – September 30, 2004
Acreage reporting Deadline for Spring-Seeded Crops	July 15, 2004
Boll Weevil Eradication Program Certified Acres; pay balance of assessment fee	July 15, 2004
Final Date to Request Farm Reconstitution for a Farm enrolled in DCP	August 1, 2004
Reporting Changes in Farm Operation (such as Succession-in-Interest)	September 30, 2004
CCC-502 Farm Operating Plan	September 30, 2004
AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC)	September 30, 2004
CCC-526 Payment Eligibility Adjusted Gross Income Certification	September 20, 2004