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For: County Offices

Reporting 2004 Forage Crops on the FSA-578

Approved by: State Executive Director

1 Overview

A Background

According to 1-NAP (Rev. 1), paragraph 151, only crops for which an acreage report is on file are eligible for NAP assistance. Several counties may be administering the NAP program in 2003 for small grain forage losses. Even if a county does not anticipate they will be administering the NAP program for forage losses, the acreage must be certified properly in the County Office. In the event of a 2003 or subsequent year disaster, the automated system may be queried based on field FSA-578 data to establish units and obtain other information necessary for NAP or other disaster programs.

Amendment 34 to 2-CP, (Rev. 15), paragraph 73, modified the crop status code we use for 2004 acreage reports. This notice incorporates the new change in the examples of how small grain forage acreage should be recorded. This notice also provides a code to place in the field ID to identify volunteer crops of small grain.

B Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to remind counties of the producer's requirement to certify NAP crops and the method to do so, and to provide counties a method to code the FSA-578 for forage so it can be used for query purposes. Incorporate changes made by revisions to 2-CP handbook.

C Obsolete Notice

This notice obsoletes OK Notice CP-682.

Disposal	Distribution
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2 Acreage Reports

A Filing FSA-578

An acreage report must be filed, according to 1-NAP (Rev. 1), paragraph 151, for each crop the producer seeks to make eligible for NAP assistance. FSA-578's may be filed by the farm operator. Any producer sharing in the crop for which an operator files a FSA-578 shall be bound by the operator-filed FSA-578.

If the producer is...	THEN...
able to certify that a single farm acreage report includes all acreage of the crop for which the producer has an interest in the county	the single farm acreage report can be considered the unit crop acreage.
unable to certify that a single farm acreage report includes all acreage of the crop for which the producer has an interest in the county	the producer must complete the unit crop acreage report by signing FSA-578 (by producer) generated according to 2-CP, Paragraph 161.

Note: Late filed FSA-578's may be accepted only if the late filed acreage report requirements are met according to 2-CP.

It is also important to record the ***planting date*** of the crops reported by producers in order to make program decisions concerning payment of benefits.

B Printing FSA-578

Neither the "Field ID" nor the planting date prints on the FSA-578 "Farm and Tract Detail Listing." The "Producer Print" option of printing the FSA-578 prints the "field ID" entry as well as the entered "planting date" for each field. The producer print option is required to be used, according to 2-CP, subparagraph 161 A, when producers report acres for NAP purposes if all acreage of a crop in which the producer has an interest is not accounted for when printing at the farm level.

3 County Office Action

A FSA-578 Field ID Entry

Handbook 2-CP, subparagraph 72 B, explains the "Fld ID" column of the FSA-578 is a 2 character field that may be used for special coding to facilitate tracking special conditions of a field. Counties shall use this field in conjunction with the intended use column of the FSA-578 for tracking forage production situations according the chart below. All other entries for the field shall be entered according to 2-CP, Part 2, Section 3.

Small Grain Forage Production FSA-578 Coding		
FSA-578 Column		**Situation**
I/U	**Fld ID**	
GZ	_ _	Full season.
GZ	_S	Spring grazing only.
GZ 1/	_P	Fall/Winter grazing only.
GR 2/	_P	Fall/winter grazing. Producer intends to harvest crop as grain.
GR	_ _	No grazing. Harvest as grain.
FG 2/	_P	Fall/winter pasture. Producer intends to hay in the spring.
FG	_ _	No grazing. Intended use is to hay in the spring
All Other Forages		
FG	_ _	The intended use for the crop is hay only.
FG	_P	The intended use for the crop is hay but the crop will be grazed either before or after it is taken for hay.
GZ	_ _	The intended use for the crop is grazing only.
	V?	Place a "V" in the first position of the field ID to identify the crop is a volunteer crop. The second position will be filled with the applicable code for the situations listed above.

Note: The "_" denotes a blank space.

1/ The only times "GZ" intended use would be used with "_P" field ID would be in conjunction with another line entry on the FSA-578 that indicated the small grain was also intended as grain for harvest (GR) or for hay (FG).

2/ This requires 2 field entries on the FSA-578, one for the grazing as the initial crop and the second identified with a "C" in the crop status field for grain or hay. See Examples 2 and 3 on the next page.

3 County Office Action, Continued

B Examples

The following examples illustrate the automated FSA-578 entries noted on the prior page. Only the first line of the FSA-578 entry fields is shown.

Example 1: The producer timely planted wheat for grazeout as indicated by the planting date. The producer has no intention of harvesting the crop as grain.

Tract	Fld	Reported Acreage	Crop	Irr. Prac.	Crop Status	*I U*	Var/ Type	M U	O	*Fld ID*	Plnt Date
229	1	13.2	WHEAT	N	I	*GZ*	HRW			_ _	09152003

Example 2: The producer timely planted wheat for forage as indicated by the planting date. The producer intends to graze the crop in fall/winter and hay it in the spring.

Tract	Fld	Reported Acreage	Crop	Irr. Prac.	Crop Status	*I U*	Var/ Type	M U	O	*Fld ID*	Plnt Date
1229	1	13.2	WHEAT	N	I	*GZ*	HRW			*_P*	09152003
1229	1	13.2	WHEAT	N	C	*FG*	HRW			*_P*	09152003

Example 3: The producer planted wheat early for grazing and intends to harvest the crop for grain.

Tract	Fld	Reported Acreage	Crop	Irr. Prac.	Crop Status	*I U*	Var/ Type	M U	O	*Fld ID*	Plnt Date
1312	12	57.0	WHEAT	N	I	*GZ*	HRW			*_P*	09152003
1312	12	57.0	WHEAT	N	C	*GR*	HRW			*_P*	09152003

Example 4: The producer grazes native pasture in the spring and pulls off to make hay in the summer.

Tract	Fld	Reported Acreage	Crop	Irr. Prac.	Crop Status	*I U*	Var/ Type	M U	O	*Fld ID*	Plnt Date
1005	1	82.5	GRASS	N	I	*FG*	NAG			*_P*	

3 County Office Action, Continued

B Examples, Continued

Example 5: The producer planted alfalfa that will be hayed during the late spring and summer.

Tract	Fld	Reported Acreage	Crop	Irr. Prac.	Crop Status	*I U*	Var/ Type	M U	O	*Fld ID*	Plnt Date
525	5	65.5	ALFAL	N	I	*FG*	NAG			__	

Example 6: The producer has a stand of alfalfa that will be grazed after the last cutting of hay.

Tract	Fld	Reported Acreage	Crop	Irr. Prac.	Crop Status	*I U*	Var/ Type	M U	O	*Fld ID*	Plnt Date
100	8	78.6	ALFAL	N	I	*FG*				*_P*	

Example 7: The producer planted sudan for hay only.

Tract	Fld	Reported Acreage	Crop	Irr. Prac.	Crop Status	*I U*	Var/ Type	M U	O	*Fld ID*	Plnt Date
426	1	23.5	GRASS	N	I	*FG*	SUD			__	06052004

Example 8: The producer planted sudan for grazing only.

Tract	Fld	Reported Acreage	Crop	Irr. Prac.	Crop Status	*I U*	Var/ Type	M U	O	*Fld ID*	Plnt Date
239	6	34.8	GRASS	N	I	*GZ*	SUD			__	060152004

Example 9: The producer planted sudan for hay and grazing.

Tract	Fld	Reported Acreage	Crop	Irr. Prac.	Crop Status	*I U*	Var/ Type	M U	O	*Fld ID*	Plnt Date
102	3	45.3	GRASS	N	I	*FG*	SUD			*_P*	06102004

C CED Action

Ensure that all employees who take FSA-578's are trained on forage codes.