Kent County FSA Updates

CROP REPORTING DEADLINE APPROACHING - DECEMBER 15

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit our FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for all Delaware County Office's:

- **December 15, 2017**
  - Small Grains
- **May 15, 2018**
  - Peas & Potatoes
- **July 15, 2018**
  - Corn, Soybeans, spring planted
  - Vegetable’s and Cover Crops

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendars days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate
Farm Loan Specialist:
Colleen Reed

Farm Loan Officer Trainee:
Carrie Hudson

Important Dates
The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2017 in observance of Christmas and Monday, January 1, 2018 in observance of the New Year.

Marketing Assistance Available for 2017
The 2014 Farm Bill authorized 2014-2018 crop year Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs).

MALs and LDPs provide financing and marketing assistance for corn as well as other commodities such as soybeans, wheat and barley. MALs provide producers interim financing after harvest to help them meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows.

To be eligible for an MAL or an LDP, producers must have a beneficial interest in the commodity, in addition to other requirements. A producer retains beneficial interest when control of and title to the commodity is maintained. For more information, producers should contact our office.

CRP Participants Must Maintain Approved Cover on Acreages Enrolled in CRP and Farm Programs
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants are responsible for ensuring adequate, approved vegetative and practice cover is maintained to control erosion throughout the life of the contract after the practice has been established. Participants must also control undesirable vegetation, weeds (including noxious weeds), insects and rodents that may pose a threat to existing cover or adversely impact other landowners in the area.

All CRP maintenance activities, such as mowing, burning, diskng and spraying, must be conducted outside the primary nesting or brood rearing season for wildlife, which for Delaware is April 15th through August 15th. However, spot treatment of the acreage may be allowed during the primary nesting or brood rearing season if, left untreated, the weeds, insects or undesirable species would adversely impact the approved cover. In this instance, spot treatment is limited to the affected areas in the field and requires County Committee approval prior to beginning the spot treatment. The County Committee will consult with NRCS to determine if such activities are needed to maintain the approved cover.

Annual mowing of CRP for generic weed control, or for cosmetic purposes, is prohibited at all times.

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contact Maryann Reed at 302-741-2600 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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