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Oklahoma FSA Newsletter

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Dates of Significance

Upcoming Deadlines

- October 18 – 2015 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Premiums must be paid in full
- November 15 – 2017 Acreage Reporting Deadline for perennial forage (grasses)
- November 30 – 2017 NAP Application for Coverage for asparagus, clover (FG), grass (FG), Honey, Mixed Forage (FG), Pecans and Plums
- January 15 - 2017 Acreage Reporting Deadline for Seeded Small Grains, Peaches and Canola (Report small grain grazing 15 days prior to grazing if participating in NAP)
- January 31 - 2017 NAP Application for Coverage for Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Lettuce, Onions, Potatoes, Strawberries, Tomatoes and Turnips

Ongoing Deadlines

- Notify FSA prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to ensure compliance.
- Reports of Failed Acreage must be filed with the County Office before disposition of the crop.
- Reports of Prevented Planting Acreage must be filed within the County Office no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting

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date for that county.

- Notification of Livestock Loss for Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) – 30 calendar days of when the loss became apparent.
- Notification of Loss for Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP) – 30 calendar days of when the loss became apparent.
- Tree Assistance Program application deadline – 90 calendar days after the disaster event of when the loss first became apparent to the producer.

Measurement Service

Farmers who would like a guarantee on their crop plantings and land use acreages can make it official by using the FSA measurement service. Producers must file a request with the county office staff and pay the cost of a field visit to have stake and referencing done on the farm. Measurement service is available using digital imagery. If an on-site visit is not required producers are charged a reduced rate.

Incorrect acreage self-certification can result in reduced program payments, penalty or loss of eligibility.

USDA Encourages Producers to Report Losses and Production

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent or 15 calendar days after the normal harvest date.

Periodically each crop year the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) invites producers to complete crop and livestock surveys. These tools give a snapshot of agricultural production, yields and the effects of natural and weather conditions. USDA agencies use this information as a baseline for many of our disaster and commodity programs. For example, NASS data affects the National Crop Table (NCT) calculations and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) yields. In addition, the Risk Management Agency (RMA), colleges and universities, research stations, and other government agencies use this data. As we are beginning the 2017 fiscal year, remember the importance of accurate reporting in NASS surveys. The NASS Census of Agriculture is conducted every 5 years, with 2018 being the next opportunity to contribute. Many other county and state surveys will be offered between now and then. The Farm Service Agency encourage participation so that programs and databases may be administered in the most accurate manner possible. For more information about NASS, click here: <https://www.nass.usda.gov>

Farmers to Receive Documentation of USDA Services

Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds agricultural producers that FSA provides a receipt to customers who request or receive assistance or information on FSA programs.

The 2014 Farm Bill requires a customer receipt to be issued for any agricultural program assistance requested from FSA, the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rural Development (RD). Receipts include the date, summary of the visit and any agricultural information, program and/or loan assistance provided to an individual or entity. Electronic receipts for acreage reports will begin on August 1, 2016.

A service is any information, program or loan assistance provided whether through a visit, email, fax or letter.

Loan Servicing

There are options for Farm Service Agency loan customers during financial stress. If you are a borrower who is unable to make payments on a loan, contact your local FSA Farm Loan Manager to learn about the options available to you.

Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms.

ASKFSA

Are you looking for answers to your FSA questions? Then ASK FSA at askfsa.custhelp.com.

AskFSA is an online resource that helps you easily find information and answers to your FSA questions no matter where you are or what device you use. It is for ALL customers, including underserved farmers and ranchers who wish to be enrolled in FSA loans, farm, and conservation programs.

Through AskFSA you can:

- Access our knowledge base 24/7
- Receive answers to your questions faster
- Submit a question and receive a timely response from an FSA expert
- Get notifications when answers important to you and your farming operation are updated
- Customize your account settings and view responses at any time

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