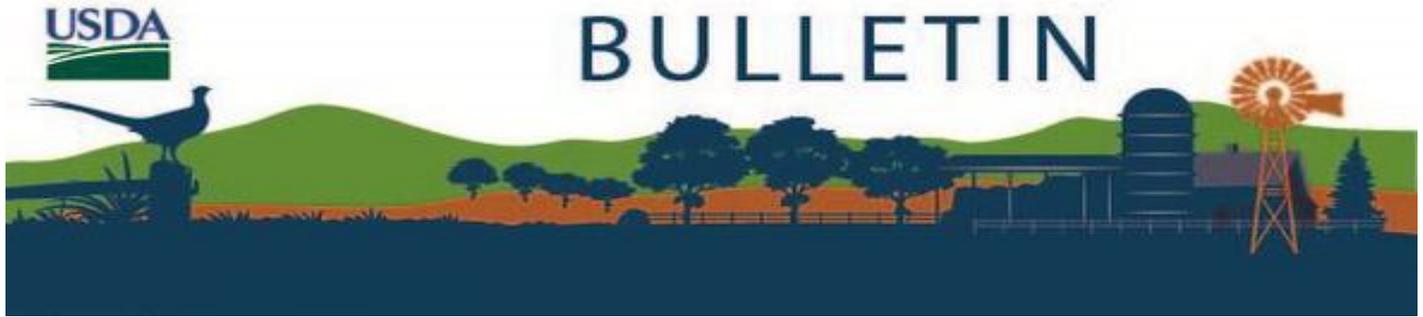


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Crook County FSA Updates

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Meeting: June 10th; 11:00 a.m.

CROP REPORTS

The spring crop reporting season is coming up fast. We are mailing out appointment cards to those producers who planted spring crops last year (2015) and filed a crop report with our office. If you will be planting spring annual crops this year and do not get an appointment card by June 27th you should contact our office.

The Deadline to file a crop report on spring planted crops is **July 15, 2016**. Reports filed after this date will be subject to a late-filed fee.

Deadline to file a crop report on next years (2017) perennial hay crops, pasture grass and winter wheat is November 15, 2016.

During this year's spring crop report season if you have a farm that is all pasture grass and perennial hay crops and the farms crops and acreages will be the same (not farming up any hay fields or breaking new sod) for next year (2017), we will print the crop report for that specific farm and mail it to you to sign, date and return by the November 15th deadline. If you have farms that you report this spring that you will plant winter wheat or farm up perennial hay fields - that is a change from the crop report you filed by November 15, 2015 (for your 2016 crop report) and you will be required to file a revised crop report by November 15, 2016 for your 2017 crop year.

We are implementing new procedure that will allow producers to choose a "continuous certification" for CRP acreages and perennial grass forage (hay) crops. This continuous certification once elected and the form is signed by the farm producer, will allow our office to automatically generate a farm crop report on form FSA-578 that will not require a signature from the producer, which means the producer will not have to visit the office to file a crop report for the above specific crops on that farm. However, if the farm also has alfalfa forage acreages or annual planted crops the "continuous certification" will not apply to the alfalfa or annual crops and a crop report will need to be filed, signed and dated by the applicable reporting deadline for the alfalfa and annual planted crops.

Programs that require crop reports for program participation are ARC/PLC, NAP, CRP, and LFP. Crop reports should list all parties that have an interest in your cropland acreages (annual crops and perennial hay crops) and pasture grass.

The LFP program requires that anyone grazing on your land, as either a "cash" lease or "family arrangement" (such as grazing traded in exchange for labor) or "hired hands" that get grazing rights as part of their wages, be listed on the crop report with acres needed to support their livestock. You should ensure your crop report(s) (Form FSA-578) reflects these situations to ensure the eligibility of other individuals grazing livestock on your land.

Prevented Planting Crop Acreage Reporting Requirements

"Prevented Planted" acreages must be reported on form FSA-578 Report of Commodities (Crop Report).

Reporting of "prevented planted" acreages is important for crops covered by our Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) in order to be eligible for indemnity payments on any affected acres. Form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, must also be filed to document the occurrence of prevented planting.

The CCC-576, for prevented planting situations, must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop (Final Plant Date: May 31: Spring Wheat, Barley, Oats; July 1: Millet). For other crops contact our office.

ARCPLC Signup Underway

Signup for the ARC/PLC program runs through **August 1, 2016**. It is your responsibility to enroll your farm each year (2016, 2017 and 2018) during the signup period. Please ensure you sign your eligible farms up by this deadline.

Farms enrolled in ARC/PLC program option of "ARC-IC (Individual Farm Contract)" must report 2015 annual seeded crop grain and hay production by **July 15, 2016** in order to get yield credit for 2015 program payment purposes. Form CCC-863 must accompany this production record of which you can complete the form and sign it in the office when reporting production.

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