



# NEWSLETTER



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## 2013 Dates and Deadlines

**Acreage Reporting Deadlines: NEW REPORTING DATES ARE IN EFFECT**

**Note: Crops with NAP Coverage:**

If the crop being reported has NAP coverage, the final date to timely report the acreage is 15 days PRIOR to the onset of harvest or grazing. It is important for producers to remember that crops with NAP coverage will usually have a NAP crop reporting date EARLIER than the regularly established reporting dates for crops without NAP coverage.

**Important COC Election Dates:**

<u>Mar 1, 2013</u>	<u>Newly appointed or reappointed COC Advisors take office.</u>
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**Additional Program Deadlines**

<u>Mar 31, 2013</u>	<u>Final date to request a Marketing Assistance Loan or Loan Deficiency Payment on 2012 CY Barley, Canola, Honey, Oats, and Wheat.</u>
<u>May 31, 2013</u>	<u>Final date to request a Marketing Assistance Loan or Loan Deficiency Payment on 2012 CY Corn, Grain Sorghum, Cotton and Soybeans.</u>
<u>June 7, 2013</u>	<u>Final date to enroll in SURE for 2011 crop losses that occurred through September 30, 2011</u>
<u>Now</u>	<u>Emergency Conservation Approved Applicants -- report completed practices to FSA</u>
<u>Now</u>	<u>Emergency Forest Restoration Program Applicants -- report completed practices to FSA</u>
<u>Now</u>	<u>For 2013, complete form CCC-933, Average Adjusted Income Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information</u>

**Present Emergency Loan Application Deadlines in Georgia:**

<u>Mar 4, 2013</u>	<u>Designation M4068 in 4 counties due to losses caused by Tropical Storm Debby</u>
<u>Mar 11, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3262 in 15 counties due to frosts and freezes</u>
<u>Mar 11, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3263 in 15 counties due to hail and high winds</u>
<u>Mar 12, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3265 in 13 counties due to drought</u>
<u>Mar 12, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3271 in 11 counties due to drought</u>
<u>Mar 12, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3272 in 140 counties due to drought</u>
<u>Mar 12, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3286 in 13 counties due to drought</u>
<u>Mar 18, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3292 in 5 counties due to drought</u>
<u>Apr 1, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3309 in 14 counties due to drought</u>
<u>Apr 3, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3321 in 5 counties due to losses caused by Tropical Storm Debby</u>
<u>Apr 22, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3352 in 12 counties due to drought</u>
<u>Apr 29, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3360 in 3 counties due to drought</u>
<u>May 20, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3397 in 6 counties due to drought</u>
<u>May 27, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3407 in 17 counties due to excessive rain</u>
<u>Sept 9, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3453 in 11 counties due to drought</u>
<u>Sept 9, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3457 in 116 counties due to drought</u>
<u>Sept 9, 2013</u>	<u>Designation S3464 in 8 counties due to drought</u>

**NOTE:** All producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for information specific to the Emergency Loan Program and to determine whether their counties are declared under a certain designation.

## **Reminder for Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Participants**

If you have decided to enroll a crop under the NAP program for 2013, please be reminded of several program requirements:

- When a crop is damaged by a natural disaster, you must notify the FSA office where your crop's farm records are maintained and complete Part B, (the Notice of Loss portion) of Form CCC-576, Notice of Loss and Application for Payment. This must be completed within 15 calendar days of whichever occurs first:
  - Final planting date (if planting was prevented by a natural disaster);
  - Date the crop is damaged or loss of production is known;
  - The normal harvest date.

Once this is complete, the FSA will inspect the crop and document the damage and perform an appraisal if needed.

At the end of the growing season, if the loss of the crop is in excess of 50 percent of your Approved Production History (APH) yield, you will need to again come into the FSA office and complete a Form CCC-576, Notice of Loss and Application for Payment, Parts D, E, and F as applicable, and certify in Part G that the application is accurate. This has to be completed no later than the next crop year's acreage reporting date for the crop. The filing of the CCC-576 also requires acceptable documentation of the disposition of the crop to include if the crop was unmarketable, salvaged or used differently than intended.

To remain eligible for NAP assistance, the following crop acreage information must be reported annually to the FSA:

- Name of the crop (watermelon, squash etc.);
- Type and variety (seedless, common, summer, etc);
- Location and acreage of the crop (field, sub-field, etc.);

- Share of the crop and the names of other producers with an interest in the crop;
- Type of practice used to grow the crop (irrigated or non-irrigated);
- Date the crop was planted in each field; and
- Intended use of the commodity (fresh, processed, etc.).

You should report crop acreage shortly after planting (early in the risk period) to ensure reporting deadlines are not missed and coverage is not lost.

You must annually provide the following production information:

- The quantity of all harvested production of the crop in which the producer held an interest during the crop year;
- The disposition of the harvested crop, such as whether it is marketable, unmarketable, salvaged or used differently than intended;
- Verifiable or reliable crop production records (when required by FSA).

These records must be provided in a manner that can be easily understood by the FSA county committee. Producers should contact the FSA office where their farm records are maintained for questions regarding acceptable production records.

Failure to report acreage and production information may result in reduced or zero NAP assistance. Be aware that acreage reporting and final planting dates vary by crop and by region. Producers should contact the FSA office where their farm records are maintained for questions regarding local acreage reporting and final planting dates.

## **Recommendations for 2013 County Committee (COC) Advisors**

The COC Advisors currently serving on County Committee's were appointed March 1, 2012, and are serving under a 1-year term which expires February 28, 2013. COC's are in the process of recommending the appointment or reappointment of COC Advisors to the COC for 2013.

Advisors are appointed to county committees in counties or multi-county jurisdictions that have significant numbers of minority or women producers and lack such members on FSA county committees. Advisors play an important role by providing diverse viewpoints and by representing the interests of minorities and women in decisions made by county committees. FSA state committees (STC) officially appoint advisors who are recommended by county committees or community based organizations.

COC's shall submit the name of the nominee and supporting information to the STC no later than February 1 of each year.

For more information about FSA county committees and advisors, visit your local FSA Office or the web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections> .