



## Kansas

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#### Dates To Remember

✓ SURE signup started  
November 14 for 2010 losses.

✓ NAP Deadline to purchase  
coverage for certain crops is  
March 15 for spring seeded  
crops.

✓ Report your fall-seed crop  
acreage as soon as possible.

✓ Wool loan and LDP  
deadline for 2011  
commodities is Jan 31.

✓ 2012 DCP and ACRE  
signup will begin January 23,  
2012.

✓ Emergency Assistance for  
Livestock, Honey Bees, and  
Farm-Raised Fish Program  
(ELAP), Livestock Forage  
Disaster Program (LFP), and  
the Livestock Indemnity  
Program (LIP) Livestock  
applications must be filed by  
Jan 30, 2012.

✓ On-Going – Direct and  
Guaranteed Farm Operating  
and Farm Ownership loans;  
Farm Storage Facility Loans;  
Continuous CRP.

#### FSA MOVING TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

Due to budget constraints, the number of Farm Service Agency (FSA) newsletters that will be mailed to producers will be decreased. However, we will continue to create an on-line newsletter monthly.

Farmers and ranchers in Kansas now have a more efficient, timely option for receiving important FSA program eligibility requirements, deadlines and related information by email.

FSA is now offering free online communications through the FSA GovDelivery electronic news service. News will now be sent via e-mail right to the producer's home or farm office or to their Smartphone – allowing them to receive immediate notification of farm program news that is pertinent to their agricultural operation.

Through FSA's GovDelivery electronic news service, producers can establish subscriber preferences by choosing to receive federal farm program and farm loan information by topic, by state and/or by county. Producers can select as many subscriber options as they want, which allows producers who farm in multiple counties or across state lines to receive updates from each county in which they operate or have an interest. GovDelivery is a one-stop shop for the most up-to-date USDA program information.

GovDelivery will enable FSA to keep producers better informed and conserve resources and reduce taxpayer expenses associated with the preparation, printing and distribution of hardcopy newsletters. County Committee ballots and Payment Transaction forms will continue to be mailed.

FSA will download all producer emails that we currently have on file into the GovDelivery system and set each producer to obtain information from their county(s). When this is complete, producers will receive an email from the GovDelivery system providing the subscriber link which will allow producers to access their account to chose additional preferences. Producers will receive a second email from the Kansas FSA State office to welcome them to GovDelivery and provide additional information about preferences. In addition to local information, producers can request to receive national program information through GovDelivery by topic.

Those producers who have not provided their email are encouraged to do so on form AD-2047 so that FSA can setup a GovDelivery account. GovDelivery does not sell or distribute email lists to other clients or organizations. Email addresses are protected by the Privacy Act.

Producers are encouraged to fill out Form AD-2047 (copy included in this newsletter) and indicate they do not wish to receive hardcopy mail anymore and receive all notifications by email. This form is also used to provide FSA your email address and cell phone number. At this time, texting notifications are not available but will be a future enhancement through GovDelivery.

So that GovDelivery messages are not treated as spam by their email provider, producers can add the GovDelivery email address '[usdafsa@service.govdelivery.com](mailto:usdafsa@service.govdelivery.com)' to their email Contacts to allow messages from GovDelivery.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM AD-2047

Complete form AD-2047 if you are providing your email address and/or cell phone number to FSA. Also complete if you are selecting to not receive hardcopy mail anymore. Print information clearly on form. Copy of form included in this newsletter. Complete the following items in Part A on form AD-2047:

- 1A. Enter your full legal name or Business (entity) name.
- 1B. Address of customer (street, city, state, zip)
- 1C. Home phone.
- 1D. Business telephone (if other than home)
- 1E. Cell phone number.
2. Social Security Number or Tax ID
3. E-mail address
4. Mark 'NO' if you wish to receive all FSA information and correspondence by email. At this time you will still receive mail from NRCS and RD.
5. Mark the agencies which you are a customer.
6. Please enter the name of the State and all counties where you have a farming interest. If you farm in more than one county, mark 'Yes.'
7. We have already filled out this item for Gov Delivery.
- 8A. Name of person requesting changes on the form.
- 8B. Sign the form if you are in the FSA office completing the form.
- 8C. Date.

Part B – leave blank, for FSA use only.

### SUBMITTING FORM AD-2047

✓Mail, fax or deliver this form to your local FSA county office. Multi-county producers only need to complete one form and provide to one county. To obtain FSA address or FAX, access the directory at: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=ks&agency=fsa>

✓Or mail the form to Kansas FSA State Office, Attn: Trish Halstead, 3600 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66503-2511.

✓Or FAX to 785-537-9659 or 785-587-8446 Attn: Trish Halstead.

### NO EMAIL

Those without email cannot receive FSA electronic news. Copies of electronic newsletters can be obtained at the local FSA office.

## OTHER PROGRAMS AND ISSUES

### **HISPANIC AND WOMEN FARMERS**

A process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who believe they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans has been established. If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. For additional information on the Hispanic and Women Farmer Claims Process, please visit: [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov) or call 888-508-4429.

### **SURE SIGNUP FOR 2010 LOSSES**

Signup for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program for 2010 crop losses has begun and will end June 1, 2012. SURE is available to eligible producers on:

- farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties, that have incurred at least a 10 percent crop production or quality loss, or both, on all crops grown by a producer nationwide, **except grazed crops**
- farms in which, for the crop year, the actual production on the farm because of disaster-related conditions is 50 percent or less than normal production of the farm.

### **NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)**

**March 15** is the final date to obtain NAP coverage for coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops, Cotton, Pecans, Pumpkins, Safflower, Sesame, Squash, and Walnuts.

### **DCP AND ACRE SIGNUP**

Enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) will start **January 23, 2012** and will continue through June 1, 2012.

Most FSA county offices will be making appointments for producers to signup and report acres. Contact your local FSA office to make an appointment.

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency

Rural Development

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**CUSTOMER DATA WORKSHEET REQUEST FOR SCIMS RECORD CHANGE  
(FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)**

(See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements)

**PART A – CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

1A. Customer's Full Legal Name or Business Name

1B. Customer or Business Address (Including Zip Code)

1C. Home Telephone Number (Area Code)

1D. Business Telephone Number (Area Code)

1E. Other Telephone Number (Area Code)

Cell Ph:

2. SSN or Tax ID Number (9 Digits)

3. E-Mail Address

4. Customer Wishes to Receive Mail?

☐ YES☐ NO

5. Producer is Customer of One or More of the Following Agencies. (Check Appropriate Agency(ies) below:)

☒ FSA☐ RD☐ NRCS☐ Not Participating

6. Is the Customer a Multi-County Producer?

☐ YES (If "YES," list States and/or Counties below:)☐ NO

Please enter the name of the  
State and all counties you  
have a farming interest:

7. Reason for Request (Check appropriate box(es) below:)

☐ New Producer☐ Address Change☐ Telephone Change☐ Sale/Purchase☐ Life Event☒ Other (Specify): Customer elects to receive bulk mail electronically via GovDelivery.

8. Enter the name of the customer requesting the record change(s). If documentation is received by Fax or from a trusted source (i.e., USPS), attach documentation to this form. Only Part A, Item 1A and Part B shall be completed. If the request was received by telephone, complete applicable blocks necessary to document the change(s) and enter the requestor's name in Item 8A. Requestor's signature is not required. (The only time the customer is required to sign Item 8B is when they are physically at a Service Center and providing FSA with applicable information.)

8A. Name of Customer Requesting Change

8B. Signature

8C. Date of Record Change  
(MM-DD-YYYY)**PART B – SERVICE CENTER ACTION**9A. Agency Who Received Request:  
(Check one below:)☐ FSA☐ NRCS☐ RD9B. Initials of Employee Receiving  
Request (If Different than Item 12A)9C. Date Service Center Employee Received  
the Request (MM-DD-YYYY)

10. How the Request for Change was Received:

☐ Office Visit☐ Telephone☐ FAX☐ USPS☐ Other (Specify):

11. Remarks if Applicable:

12A. Signature of Employee Updating SCIMS if not initialed in Item 9B.

12B. Date Service Center Employee Updating  
SCIMS (MM-DD-YYYY)**FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR/AREA CONSERVATIONIST USE ONLY.**

13A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been properly updated.

☐ Concur☐ Do Not Concur

13B. Name of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check

13C. Signature of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check

13D. Title

13E. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)



## ACREAGE REPORTING DATE CHANGES!

USDA announced the establishment of common Acreage Reporting Dates (ARDs) for farmers and ranchers participating in RMA (crop insurance) and FSA programs. Producers will have the option to report crops to either FSA or RMA and the data will be shared between agencies. The common reporting dates will reduce the reporting burden on producers and also help to reduce USDA operating costs by sharing similar data across participating agencies.

FSA Acreage Reporting Date for **2012 Fall Seeded Crops** is May 31, 2012;

Common Acreage Reporting Date for **2012 Spring Seeded Crops** is July 15, 2012

Common Acreage Reporting Dates for **2013 Fall Seeded Crops** is December 15, 2012



Please note that the reporting date for fall seeded crops for next year (2013) will be many months earlier than normal. **We encourage producers to report this year's acreages early to get used to the trend of the earlier reporting dates.** Contact your local FSA county office as soon as possible to make an appointment to report your fall seeded acreage.

## WOMEN MANAGING THE FARM 2012 CONFERENCE

Women involved in agriculture are encouraged to attend the Women Managing the Farm Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS, on Feb. 10-11, 2012. Registration fee is \$145 if paid by Jan. 27, 2012. Conference includes workshops, networking, and keynote speakers. For registration, hotel, and conference details access <http://www.togpartners.com/wmf/>

## REVERSE SIDE OF FORM AD-2047

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**Note:** The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is OMB Circular A-123, the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982, and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The information will be used to document a request for critical producer data changes within the Service Center Information Management System (SCIMS). The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to request changes within SCIMS.

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The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

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