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Kansas FSA Updates

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ACREAGE REPORTING DATES

May 31, 2012 – Deadline to Report All Small Grain Crops
July 15, 2012 – Deadline to Report Spring Seeded Crops and CRP
December 15, 2012 – Deadline to Report 2013 Small Grain Crops (planted in fall 2012)

Contact your local FSA county office as soon as possible to make an appointment to report your fall seeded acreage. Producers are reminded to also report acreages to their crop insurance agent.

2012 DCP/ACRE SIGN-UP

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program enrollment ends **June 1, 2012**. All producers with an interest in DCP base acres must be included on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm. All producers receiving a share greater than zero on the DCP/ACRE contract must sign the contract no later than June 1, 2012.

MILK INCOME LOSS CONTRACT (MILC) PAYMENTS

MILC payments are available for commercial milk marketing's for February and March 2012. The production limitation for fiscal year 2012 is 2.985 million pounds.

- February 2012 Payment Rate is \$0.3895043 per hundredweight.
 - March 2012 Payment Rate is \$0.82622432 per hundredweight.
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SURE SIGNUP FOR 2010 LOSSES

Signup for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program for 2010 crop losses 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.

COMMODITY LOANS

Nine-month marketing assistance loans are available for warehouse or farm-stored production to producers who shared in the risk of producing the crop. Producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity before and during the loan term.

Farm-Stored structures must:

- be of a design that can be accurately and safely measured. There must be safe access to the commodity.
- contain permanently installed outside ladders on bins over 12 feet high and inside ladders if the quantity does not reach the eave. At the producer's option, for safety purposes, the outside ladders can begin approximately six feet from the ground.
- provide safe access for commodity measurement, inspections and re-inspection.
- allow for proper treatment of the commodity if conditioning, fumigating or other actions necessary to the safeguarding of the grain are required.
- not be subject to floods, fire or theft because of the location of the structure.
- provide adequate protection from natural elements, such as rain, hail, snow, wind, etc.
- provide adequate protection from rodents, birds, other animals, and sources of contamination.

May 31, 2012 is the final date to request a commodity loan or LDP on 2011-crop feedgrains, oilseeds, cotton, lentils, and sunflowers.

CIVIL RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS

Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Claims Process: www.farmerclaims.gov or call 1-888-508-4429.

Pigford - Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation: www.blackfarmercase.com or call 1-888-950-5547.

Keepseagle - Native American Farmers Class Action Settlement: www.IndianFarmClass.com or call 1-888-233-5506.

RURAL YOUTH LOANS

FSA makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization's advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

BEGINNING FARMER LOANS

FSA has loan programs to assist beginning farmers and ranchers to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans.

LAND CONTRACT GUARANTEE PROGRAM

The Land Contract Guarantee Program is designed to help beginning farmers and ranchers who find landowners willing to sell and finance a land purchase to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer. FSA offers two options: 1) guarantees up to three annual installment payments on the contract, or 2) guarantees 90% of the unpaid principal of the contract. Guarantees can be used in the purchase of the land for up to \$500,000.

FARM STORED FACILITY LOANS

Farm Stored Facility Loans (FSFL) allow producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. Maximum principal amount is \$500,000. Loan terms of 7, 10, or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. An FSFL application must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. Loans are available for farm storage on eligible grain, silage, hay, biomass, and fruits and vegetables.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Local FSA County Committees will hold elections this year for Local Administrative Area(s) up for election. The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. Producers and grassroot organizations are encouraged to submit nominations for the election on Form FSA-669A's between June 15 and August 1. [Click here to obtain form FSA-669A](#)

USDA COLLECTING RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER DATA

USDA issued [Departmental Regulation 4370-001](#) providing for the collection of race, ethnicity, and gender data for civil rights compliance and other purposes in regard to participating in programs administered by USDA.

FSA program participants are encouraged to complete form AD-2106 to voluntarily provide race, ethnicity, and gender data. This data will assist USDA with conducting oversight and evaluation of civil rights compliance in USDA programs. [Click here to obtain form AD-2106](#). Complete the form and provide to your administrative FSA county office.

USDA CELEBRATES 150 YEARS



The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is celebrating the United States Department of Agriculture's 150th anniversary. USDA was founded in 1862 when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Department of Agriculture Act that established the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Since the start, USDA has helped support the tremendous growth and success of American agriculture. FSA realizes that farmers and ranchers take risks everyday and FSA is looking

forward to continue serving the producers while addressing the changing needs of agriculture and rural America.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

ECP is approved in Edwards, Ellsworth, Rice and Stafford counties for eligible damage caused by tornadoes and high winds occurring on April 14 and 15, 2012. Producers may file an application for cost-share assistance under ECP during a signup period from **May 14 through June 22, 2012**.

[Form FSA-848](#) must be filed prior to starting the practice. Conservation problems existing prior to the applicable disaster are ineligible.

NEWS RELEASES

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USDA offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012 in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 29.

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