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USDA's Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers to File Annual Report of Acreage to Meet Farm Program Requirements

EAST LANSING, MI, June 3, 2010 Christine White, State Executive Director for Michigan's Farm Service Agency (FSA) today reminded producers to submit their annual report of acreage to their local FSA county office. Producers need to file their acreage reports by June 30, 2010 for fall seeded small grains (i.e. wheat, rye) and July 15, 2010 for all other crops, including land enrolled in the reserve programs.

"Producers are required to file an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage to maintain eligibility for a variety of FSA programs", said White

Program benefits requiring acreage reports include:

- Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) payments;
- Average Crop Revenue Program (ACRE) payments;
- Commodity Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP);
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Annual Rental Payments;
- Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) Annual Rental Payments;
- Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)
- All Disaster Assistance Programs, including Supplement Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE). Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before the disposition or destruction of the crop.
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Payments; for NAP purposes producers are required to file an acreage report by the extended acreage reporting date but no later than 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest if that is earlier than the extended acreage reporting date.

Farms where the acreage is not timely reported will be assessed a late-filing fee in order to retain program benefits. Producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA county office to file the required FSA-578 certification report before the deadline date. More information on FSA programs can be found at: www.fsa.usda.gov/mi.

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