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Calhoun County FSA Updates

Calhoun County FSA Office

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Dates to Remember:

May 28 - Memorial Day

May 31 - Final date to
request 2011 corn and
soybean loans

June 1 - 2012 DCP/ACRE
enrollment deadline

June 1 - 2010 SURE
deadline

June 30 - Crop reporting
deadline for 2012 wheat

July 15 - Crop reporting
deadline for all other crops

CROP REPORTING TIME

In order to maintain eligibility for several USDA programs administered by FSA, including CRP, DCP/ACRE, NAP, & SURE, producers are required to report all of their crop and land uses. The reporting deadlines for 2012 crops are **June 30 for wheat and July 15 for all other crops.**

Due to budget constraints, aerial maps cannot be mailed. You may pick up your farm maps at the FSA office. If you provide a new & unopened CD or USB drive, the office can copy your farm maps to the device.

Help us serve you better by scheduling an appointment. Call this office when you are finished planting. The phone number is 269-781-4263 extension 2.

PREVENTED PLANTED ACREAGE FOR 2012

Prevented planted acreage must be reported within 15 days of the crop's final planting date. Complete the report at the Calhoun FSA office. The deadlines for filing prevented planted are:

- Corn – June 20, 2012
- Soybeans – June 30, 2012
- Wheat (2013 crop) – November 5, 2012

FAILED ACREAGE FOR 2012

Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the County Committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

DCP/ACRE SIGN-UP

July 15 - Deadline for reporting 2011 production for enrolled ACRE farms and NAP crop production.

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment runs through June 1, 2012. Here are some **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**:

- All producers planting on **DCP base** acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.
- Changes on the farm after enrolling June 1 in DCP/ACRE **must** be reported to the Calhoun FSA office. Changes may include:
 1. Ownership changes
 2. Producer changes (Individuals and Entities)
 3. Change in crop shares arrangements

Note: Changes cannot be made after Sept. 30, 2012.

ADVANCE payments are not being issued for 2012, only **FINAL** payments in October 2012.

DCP/ACRE Cash Lease Requirements

All leases provided to FSA must include the following information:

1. Type of lease;
2. Length of lease;
3. Landowner and operator names printed, signatures, and date.

PLANTING FLEXIBILITY ON DCP ACRES

For those participating in DCP or ACRE...Producers may plant any commodity on their cropland that represents land **in excess** of the total base acres on the farm. The planting of fruits or vegetables on base acres on the farm is prohibited and is considered a violation of the DCP/ACRE contract. There are exceptions to this rule so you should read your Appendix to the DCP contract, or contact the FSA office.

MILC PAYMENT RATES IN EFFECT

Dairy farmers – Do you have a Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) with FSA? Have you submitted your February and March milk production evidence? If not, you will want to do so immediately. There could be payments waiting for you. The February MILC payment rate is \$0.3895043 per cwt. The March payment rate is \$0.8262432 per cwt.



If you have submitted your production evidence and have not received the February and March payments, you might still need to sign an Adjusted Gross Income form for 2012. This certification must be on file before any payments can be made.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES?

Payments are electronically transferred into your bank account. If FSA is not aware of changes to your account and routing number, your payment will be delayed. In order to make timely payments you need to notify this office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. It is important that any changes in producer's accounts be provided to the county office promptly to avoid possible payment delays.

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