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Calhoun County FSA Updates

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Farm Service Agency Deadlines

September 30th – Final date to submit leases, owner signatures, cash rent statements for 2012 DCP payments.

September 30th – Deadline to report succession-in-interest for 2012 DCP contracts.

September 30th – Final date to purchase NAP coverage for alfalfa, clover graze & forage, grass, mixed forage, rye, speltz.

October 8th – Office closed for Columbus Day.

November 1st – Deadline to submit final production evidence and any supporting documentation for the Milk Income Loss (MILC) program.

November 12th - Office closed in observance of Veterans' Day holiday.

NEW - November 15th - 2013 crop reporting deadline for fall-seeded small grains, including wheat, rye, & speltz.

November 20th – Final date to purchase NAP coverage for apples, apricots, asparagus, blueberries, cane berries, cherries, cranberries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, rhubarb, strawberries.

November 22nd - Office closed for Thanksgiving Day holiday.

December 1st – Final date to purchase NAP coverage for honey, maple sap.

New Reporting Date for Wheat

Producers with fall planted wheat are now required to report their planted acres by November 15 each year. As an example, producers with 2013 crop year wheat planted in the fall of 2012 need to report the acres to the FSA office by November 15, 2012. The November 15 date is consistent with the reporting requirements for crop insurance.

NAP Insurance for Uninsurable Crops

Crop Insurance is a way to help offset crop revenue losses. However, some crops are uninsurable and this varies by county. In Calhoun County, alfalfa is uninsurable. For these types of crops, you can purchase catastrophic type coverage under the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The cost is \$250 per crop with a maximum of \$750 per county and \$1,875 per producer for multi-county producers.

REMEMBER – Without crop insurance or NAP on all crops, you may NOT be eligible for National Disaster Programs.

THE DEADLINE for purchasing your 2013 policies is as follows:

September 30, 2012: Mixed Hay, Alfalfa, and other perennial forage

November 20, 2012: Apples, Peaches, Cherries, Blueberries, Raspberries & Strawberries

March 15, 2013: Most vegetables and annual fruits

There are many other crops covered by NAP. In counties where crops are covered by crop insurance, FSA cannot sell a NAP policy for that specific crop. Call your local FSA Office for more information.

Changes Made to IRS Income Reporting for 2012

Beginning with calendar year 2012 IRS reporting form 1099-G Report of Payments to Producers will not be mailed to producers if the total of all payments earned is less than \$600. This income is still reportable for tax purposes. In addition, multi-county producers will be issued a single 1099-G Report of Payments to Producers for all payments earned when the total reportable payments exceed \$600.

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