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Producers of Northwest Missouri,

This newsletter is being sent on behalf of all FSA employees and offices in Northwest Missouri. Recent budget constraints have forced FSA to change the way we do business. With regret, we are no longer able to mail out individual newsletters from each county as we have in the past. This is a “District” newsletter that covers all offices in Northwest Missouri and will most likely be the last newsletter you will receive from local offices. There are plans in place to have a “Statewide” newsletter to go out later in the year that will give you several options on what you can do to keep informed on FSA programs and deadlines in the future. That may be the last “hard copy” newsletter that you receive. The contact information for the all offices in Northwest Missouri is located in the left hand column of this page so you might want to keep a copy for future reference.

Moving forward we are working to develop alternative, cost effective methods of keeping you informed. We currently have in place eAlert and GovDelivery electronic notification systems where we can send you information via e-mail and/or text. All we need is your e-mail address and/or cell phone number. In addition to being more efficient than hard copy newsletters, we can get information publicized quicker and on a more personalized basis if needed. If you have not already signed up for these services, contact your local office to get enrolled. You can also look up FSA information and deadlines on-line at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

As you read this newsletter, one of the most important items to take note of is the change in the final acreage reporting date for Spring seeded crops (Corn, soybeans, etc.. including CRP). The acreage reporting deadline for those crops is now **July 15th**, instead of July 30<sup>th</sup> as it was in the past. See the article on Acreage Certification for more information. If you have not already enrolled in DCP or ACRE, our annual farm programs, the deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

At FSA, we take pride in the “service” portion of the Farm Service Agency name and while budgets may force us to change the way we do things you can be assured that we will do what we can to provide you the best service possible. We hope you have a safe planting season and productive year.

On behalf of all FSA employees in District 1,

*James L. Nance, District Director*

*Missouri FSA District 1*

## 2012 DCP/ACRE SIGN UP

Here some important DCP/ACRE reminders:

- **Sign up ends on June 1st.**
- Changes on the farm after enrolling June 1st in DCP/ACRE must be reported to your local FSA office such as: Ownership changes, Producer changes (Individuals and Entities) or change in crop shares arrangements. **Note:** Changes cannot be made after Sept. 30, 2012.
- There are no advance payments available in 2012. The entire 2012 payment will be paid in October.
- Both DCP and ACRE participants must sign annual contracts to receive program benefits. All signatures of producers who will receive a share of DCP and ACRE payments must be on file by the June 1, 2012, deadline.



## **SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE (SURE)**

The sign-up for 2010 crop losses ends June 1, 2012. The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that were incurred in the crop year 2010. SURE is available to eligible producers on farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties that have incurred crop production or quality losses, or both, and includes all crops grown by a producer nationwide, except grazed crops. All Missouri counties received this designation in 2010, or were contiguous to a designated county.

The county office will use information from insurance companies to determine eligibility. To be eligible, producers must have at least one crop that suffered a 10 percent production loss. Economically-significant crops must have been insured either under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA) or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Contact your local office to see if you may qualify.

## **CRP MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT (MCM)**

Producers who have enrolled acreage in CRP since the 26th sign up (2003), are required to complete a round of MCM, per the guidelines of their conservation plan. MCM is typically completed in years three to six of the CRP contract. Types of MCM include chemical application, strip disking, and burning. Cost share of 50% (based on county average rates) is available once the practice has been completed and all bills are turned in to the office.

**Be advised, in the past FSA offices have contacted producers by letter to inform them they have MCM to complete during the year. Due to budgetary constraints FSA will no longer follow that policy. Producers should take care to ensure they don't miss any required MCM on their contract as penalties are quite steep, ranging from \$40 to \$64 per acre.**

If you have questions about your contract and its required mid-contract management please contact your local FSA office.

## **New or Inter-SEEDING OF CRP ACREAGE**

Producers who have signed up for new or re-enrolled contracts during 2010 & 2011 that required seeding should make sure to submit all bills to their local FSA once work is complete to receive cost-share.

## **HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND WETLAND COMPLIANCE**

Landowners and operators are reminded that in order to receive payments from USDA, compliance with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions are required. Farmers with HEL determined soils are reminded of tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements as specified per their conservation plan. Contact should be made to the USDA Service Center prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to insure compliance, which is recorded on form AD-1026.

## **EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)**

Landowners and producers who applied for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) due to the 2011 flood in Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Holt and Platte counties, are reminded that once repair work is completed, you are required to notify the office and submit invoices and bills for the completed work. All work must be completed and invoices submitted within 6 months from the date of application approval. Depending on the practice, a final field visit may be required by an FSA or NRCS representative. To remain eligible for this emergency cost share assistance, work must be completed at the first available option. Applications where work is not completed due to a growing crop will be disapproved for cost share assistance. Contact your local office with any questions.

## **DIRECT AND GUARANTEED LOANS**

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available. Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans have a maximum limit of \$1,214,000. This makes the maximum combination of direct and guaranteed loan indebtedness \$1,514,000.

The one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans is 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan.

To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact your county office staff.



## COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC) NOMINATIONS

The nomination period for the 2012 COC election begins June 15<sup>th</sup>.

For election purposes, counties are divided into local administrative areas (LAA). Each LAA selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee. Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three year term is expiring.

Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers may also nominate candidates.

The nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at the county office or may be downloaded online at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov). To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating their agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Aug. 1, 2012.

The following is a look at the townships/areas that make up the LAA's that will have a 2012 election in the counties that comprise MO FSA District 1:

COUNTY	LAA	TOWNSHIPS / AREAS
Andrew	3	Jefferson, Monroe, Rochester
Atchison	3	Colfax, Dale, Lincoln, Tarkio
Buchanan	1	Area North and East of Hwy 169
Clinton	2	Clinton, Concorde, Platte
Dekalb	1	Dallas, Grant, Polk
Gentry	3	Jackson, Miller
Harrison	3	Adams, Fox Creek, Grant, Sherman, Sugar Creek, Trail Creek
Holt	1	Clay, Lincoln, Union
Nodaway	1	Grant, Hughes, Jefferson, Monroe, Washington, White Cloud
Platte	1	Carroll, Lee, May
Worth	3	Greene, Union

More information on FSA's County Committee Election process can be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).



## FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

It's not too soon to be thinking about plans for crop storage this fall. Or perhaps you could use a place to store your hay crop this summer. The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. A minimum 15 percent down payment is required, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the facility.



Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Fixed interest rates for each term will vary and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department. Currently rates are as low as 1.5%. Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records.

A FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. The commodities eligible for farm storage facility loans include the usual feed grains, as well as hay, renewable biomass, fruits, vegetables and honey.

## ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME

USDA and the Internal Revenue Service have established an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent is required from each producer or payment recipient for the tax review process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to FSA.

This ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-931- "Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information" to your local county office by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained at your USDA Service Center or online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/CCC931.PDF>.

**FSA eALERTS**

Missouri FSA introduces FSA eAlerts—a new way to receive FSA program reminders via e-mail or text. You can sign up for eAlerts at your County Office and choose whether you would like to receive information via e-mail, text or both. If you elect to receive information by text, remember standard text messaging rates apply. If you wish, you can opt out of receiving FSA eAlerts at any time.

FSA offices are moving toward a paperless operation. Producers are asked to enroll in eAlerts which will provide newsletters and electronic reminders instead of hard copy through the mail. FSA, like many organizations, is trying to work smarter and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email and text will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars.

Bookmark [www.fsa.usda.gov/mo](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mo) to check back frequently for program deadlines and information.

**Dates to Remember**

May 28	Memorial Day Holiday—offices closed
May 31	Final date to obtain a loan or LDP on feed grains, soybeans, and minor oilseeds
June 1	2012 DCP/ACRE sign up ends
June 1	2010 SURE sign up ends
June 15	COC Nomination period begins
July 2	Final date to report fall and spring seeded small grains (wheat, etc)
July 4	Independence Day—Offices closed
July 16	Final date to report CRP, corn, soybeans, grain sorghum, hay & pasture

Visit our website at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/mo](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mo)

**ACREAGE CERTIFICATION (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES IN 2012 CROP REPORTING DATES BELOW)**

To streamline the crop reporting process between the Risk Management Agency (RMA) and FSA, several deadlines for reporting crops have been changed. Time is nearing to certify your 2012 acreage. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. The new crop reporting dates are as follows:

- **July 2, 2012**—fall barley, wheat and other fall seeded grains planted last fall in 2011
- **July 16, 2012**—corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, CRP, hay, pasture and all other acreages for 2012
- **December 17, 2012**—small grains (wheat, barley, etc) to be planted this coming fall of 2012

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish