

Jackson-Vinton FSA News



CROP AND ACREAGE REPORTING

In order to maintain eligibility for most USDA programs and benefits, an acreage report is required to be filed by the reporting deadline. The best rule-of-thumb is that if a crop is planted, the acreage should be reported to FSA for farm history purposes. At this time, we know acreage reports are required for the following programs or purposes.

- Land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
- Farms participating in DCP/ACRE
- Crops covered by the Noninsured Acreage Program (NAP).
- Commodity loan eligibility.
- All grain crops for maintaining or establishing crop history.

The reporting deadlines are as follows:

June 30, 2010 – Final date to timely report all fall and spring seeded small grains.

July 15, 2010 – Final date to timely report all other crops and land uses.

For NAP – the acreage is to be reported the earlier of the above dates or 15 days prior to the first harvest. A notice of loss should be filed within 15 days of the crop being damaged or damage being apparent.

As a reminder, the planting date is required for all crops. So, bring this information when reporting 2010 crop acres. If a required report is not filed by these dates, a late filing fee may be charged.

Prevented Planted and Failed Acres Reminder – If prevented from planting a crop due to natural disaster conditions, a request for prevented planted credit must be filed within 15 days of the final planting date. The final planting date for corn is June 5th and for soybeans is June 20th.

If a crop failure due to natural disaster occurs, it should be reported to our office within 15 days of the damage. The intended use of the affected acres will determine what action needs to be taken to maintain program eligibility.

This process applies to all crops whether covered by crop insurance, NAP, or no coverage.

FARM RECONSTITUTIONS - For FSA, farms are “constituted” to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number (FSN). When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary.

The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **August 1** for farms enrolled in specific programs.

TOBACCO MEETING - The Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation will be holding a meeting to discuss the 2010 programs on July 27, 2010 in the USDA Service Center conference room on Fairgreens Road. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. If you have questions, call Ed Vollborn at 740-441-1479.

Jackson-Vinton FSA
2026 Fairgreens Rd
Jackson, OH 45640
740-286-5208 or
800-223-8248
FAX: 740-286-0389

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Closed Holidays

Area Committee

Larry Johnson, Chair
Jim Brown
Daryl Dempsey
Bruce Fout
Delmar Jones
Carol Landrum, Advisor

Office Staff

Carl A Nelson, CED
Frankie Stith-Scott, FLM

Program Technicians:

Diana K Phillips
Judy Caldwell
Lisa Adkins
Julie Weber

Field Reporter

Wendall Jones

RSVP

Dorothy Hutchison

June 2010



Sign-up For New Tree Assistance Program

Orchardists and nursery tree growers may apply to receive Tree Assistance Program (TAP) benefits for losses suffered during calendar years **2008** and **2009**, and for losses suffered during **January 1, 2010, to May 7, 2010**. TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes, and vines that were lost by natural disasters occurring on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011

The following table provides the final dates to submit a TAP application and supporting documentation.

DATE OF LOSS	FINAL DATE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
Calendar Year 2008	July 6, 2010
Calendar Year 2009	July 6, 2010
January 1, 2010, to May 7, 2010	July 6, 2010
May 8, 2010, to September 30, 2011	Within 90 calendar days of the disaster event or date when the loss of trees, bushes, or vines is apparent.

For more information about the TAP, please visit your local FSA office or to read the TAP factsheet go to: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/tap051010.pdf .

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Farm Service Agency
Jackson – Vinton FSA Committee
2026 Fairgreens Rd.
Jackson, OH 45640 -9057

First Class Mail
Auto
Postage & Fees Paid
USDA-FSA
Permit No. 3

**IMPORTANT DATES AND
DEADLINES ENCLOSED**

FARMERS CLUB – ESTATE PLANNING

What options are available to pass my farm to the next generation? What are the benefits of a Trust? What are the tax implications for not doing anything? These are a few questions which we hope to get answered at the next Farmers Club meeting. The meeting will be held June 21, 2010 in the meeting room at Ponderosa Steakhouse on Main Street in Jackson starting at 7:00 p.m. with dinner from the buffet. For those who only want to come for the program, it should get started around 7:30 p.m.

The speaker will be local attorney Phillip Rose. Mr. Rose has years of experience as an attorney on this issue as well as presenting this information to groups. All landowners are invited to attend this informative meeting.

Area Committee Nomination and Election

This year's committee election will be held in Area's 1 and 5. Area 1 includes the Vinton County townships of Brown, Eagle, Elk, Jackson, and Swan. Area 5 includes the Jackson County townships of Bloomfield, Franklin, Lick, Madison, and Milton. **The nomination period ends August 2.** A nominating petition can be requested by telephone, mail, or can be picked up at the office.

Who can vote or make a nomination? Any farm or landowner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper of legal voting age if they are eligible to take part in any program administered by FSA.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 5, and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by December 6, 2010.

More information on the elections, including nomination forms, is available at our office or online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Election Information Meeting – An informational meeting will be held on June 29, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at our office to discuss the responsibilities of the committee, the election process, and candidate eligibility. Anyone interested in the committee is invited to attend.

WOOL PAYMENTS

Wool and unshorn lamb producers are reminded that due to low wool prices LDP payments remain available. However, to be eligible, form CCC-633 must be signed in our office before the wool or lambs are sold or removed from the farm. Call or stop by the office as soon as possible to complete this form.

REMINDERS

-The office will be closed July 5th

Carl A Nelson, County Executive Director

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA, Office of Communications at 202-720-7808 (TDD). To file a complaint, write the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DD, 20250, or call 202-720-7327 (voice) or 202-720-1127 (TDD). USDA is an equal employment opportunity employer.