



## February 2012

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### Next COC Meeting

April 19, 2011 at the USDA  
Service Center, Ritzville  
At 8:30 a.m.

### Dates to Remember

**March 15** - NAP closing date  
for spring planted crops, small  
grain forages, mustard, radish,  
summer planted buckwheat

**April 6** - CRP signup deadline

**May 1** - NAP closing date for  
value loss crops

**May 28** - Office closed for  
federal holiday

**June 1** - DCP/ACRE signup  
deadline

**June 1** - SURE 2010 loss  
signup deadline

### FSA Web Sites

State- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>

National- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

USDA- <http://www.usda.gov>



## LAST PRINTED NEWSLETTER

The Farm Service Agency is moving toward a paperless operation. FSA's budget allows for this last printed newsletter only. If you wish to receive important program announcements and deadline reminders, enroll in the new GovDelivery system. You will receive newsletters and bulletins via email or text message instead of a hard copy through the mail. FSA, like many other organizations, is trying to work smarter and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

You may subscribe to receive electronic updates by going to the USDA GovDelivery sign-up page found at the following web address: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe>. The form on the reverse side of this newsletter informs FSA of your intent to receive newsletters electronically. Complete blocks 1A, 1B, 3, 4, 8A, 8B and 8C. Select "No" in block 4 and return the form to the county office. The selection only applies to newsletters and bulk mail. You will still receive direct mail for your operation and county committee ballots. Staff can assist you with subscribing for electronic newsletters.

## NEW AGI FORMS REQUIRED FOR 2012

FSA and NRCS program participants, including all members of participating entities, must meet certain Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) requirements to qualify for benefits. Starting for the 2012 crop year, a new AGI form has been developed that both reports whether an applicant or member meets the AGI requirements and authorizes the IRS to confirm that information for FSA. The new form also reflects an additional AGI limitation applicable only to 2012 direct payments. In addition to the \$500,000 average nonfarm AGI and the \$750,000 average farm AGI limitation, a \$1 million average AGI limitation will be applicable for 2012 direct payments.

New this year, most power-of-attorney authorizations will not work for this form. AGI forms are required to be signed by the participant or entity member. IRS will not accept FSA power-of-attorney forms. Updated AGI forms are available today from your county office or on the FSA internet site.

## CRP GENERAL SIGNUP ANNOUNCED

The Secretary of Agriculture recently announced plans to hold a general signup to enroll lands into the Conservation Reserve Program. The signup will begin March 12, 2012 and ends April 6, 2012. CRP enrollment is open to CRP contracts expiring at the end of Fiscal Year 2012, as well as new land meeting crop history requirements in at least four of six years during crop years 2002 - 2007. In Adams County, there are approximately 56,000 acres of CRP due to expire September 30, 2012.

Land eligibility requirements for enrollment into CRP require land to be either CRP expiring September 30, 2012, land with a soil erodibility index of 8 or greater, or land must be located within the Washington State Conservation Priority Area (CPA) for air quality. The CPA boundaries include most but not all of Adams County; the CPA boundary is unchanged from the most recent CRP signup.

All offers nationwide will be ranked using an Environmental Benefit Index (EBI) score derived from analysis of the soil erosion, water quality, air quality and wildlife benefits provided by the offer. Most point factors are based on physical characteristics of the land offered, and cannot be altered; however, landowners can enhance their EBI score if the offer contains, or will be planted to diverse permanent covers most suited to wildlife, planting of pollinator habitat on a minimum of 10% of the offer, or through agreeing to lower your per acre rental rate incrementally up to 15% from the calculated soil rental rate. Landowners may also affect EBI scores by offering only those acres with the highest soil erosion potential.

Due to the expected volume of reenrollment activity, signup will be conducted by appointment only. Appointments may be scheduled by calling our office now. Be prepared with necessary information to help in completing signup during your appointment. Physically inspect any expiring CRP contract acreage prior to your appointment to determine the quality of grass currently present (e.g. is the grass stand full and mostly weed free, and in good plant health, or will it need to be reseeded in whole or part), and the different beneficial permanent species present. If you are unsure what types of grasses and beneficial plants are present, select samples of representative plants (e.g. prior year vegetation including seed heads), and bring those samples to your appointment. Pictures of representative areas and plants can also be helpful. Be prepared to identify all owners of the land being offered, the operator of the land for the proposed contract period, and how payment shares will be allocated if the contract is accepted. Finally, be prepared to make a decision on the rental rate you will accept, as the offer cannot be submitted without this information. The volume of signup activity will prohibit follow up appointments, so your cooperation in being prepared to complete offers during the initial appointment is critical to a successful signup. Thank you in advance for your help!



This form is available electronically.

Form Approved - OMB No. 0560-0265

<b>AD-2047</b> (08-04-09)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency Rural Development Natural Resources Conservation Service	
<b>CUSTOMER DATA WORKSHEET REQUEST FOR SCIMS RECORD CHANGE</b> <b>(FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)</b>			
(See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements)			
<b>PART A - CUSTOMER INFORMATION</b>			
1A. Customer's Full Legal Name or Business Name		1B. Customer or Business Address (including Zip Code)	
1C. Home Telephone Number (Area Code)	1D. Business Telephone Number (Area Code)	1E. Other Telephone Number (Area Code)	
2. SSN or Tax ID Number (9 Digits)	3. E-Mail Address	4. Customer Wishes to Receive Mail? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
5. Producer is Customer of One or More of the Following Agencies. (Check Appropriate Agency(ies) below): <input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> RD <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> Not Participating			
6. Is the Customer a Multi-County Producer? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "YES," list States and/or Counties below.) <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
7. Reason for Request (Check appropriate box(es) below): <input type="checkbox"/> New Producer <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Change <input type="checkbox"/> Sale/Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Life Event <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):			
8. Enter the name of the customer requesting the record change(s). If documentation is received by Fax or from a trusted source (i.e., USPS), attach documentation to this form. Only Part A, Item 1A and Part B shall be completed. If the request was received by telephone, complete applicable blocks necessary to document the change(s) and enter the requestor's name in Item 8A. Requestor's signature is not required. (The only time the customer is required to sign item 8B is when they are physically at a Service Center and providing FSA with applicable information.)			
8A. Name of Customer Requesting Change		8B. Signature	8C. Date of Record Change (MM-DD-YYYY)
<b>PART B - SERVICE CENTER ACTION</b>			
9A. Agency Who Received Request: (Check one below): <input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> RD		9B. Initials of Employee Receiving Request (If Different than Item 12A)	9C. Date Service Center Employee Received the Request (MM-DD-YYYY)
10. How the Request for Change was Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Office Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> USPS <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):			
11. Remarks if Applicable:			
12A. Signature of Employee Updating SCIMS if not initialed in Item 9B.		12B. Date Service Center Employee Updating SCIMS (MM-DD-YYYY)	
<b>FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR/AREA CONSERVATIONIST USE ONLY.</b>			
13A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been properly updated. <input type="checkbox"/> Concur <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Concur			
13B. Name of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check		13C. Signature of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check	
13D. Title		13E. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	

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Note: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is OMB Circular A-123, the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982, and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The information will be used to document a request for critical producer data changes within the Service Center Information Management System (SCIMS). The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to request changes within SCIMS.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0265. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**