

## Lincoln County July Newsletter 2013



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## Lincoln County FSA Updates

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### Acreage Reporting Deadline

As spring planting is completed, producers should certify their 2013 acreage. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. The deadline to certify your acres is July 15th. Please call for an appointment if you have not already done so, and remember to have your plant dates ready.

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.

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### DCP Signup Continues

The sign-up period for DCP is still open. Producers must sign up for DCP before the Aug. 2, 2013, deadline. The 2013 DCP program provisions are unchanged from 2012.

## 2012 ACRE Production Reporting Requirement

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If your farm participated in the 2012 ACRE program you are reminded that as a condition of eligibility for payment, the owner or operator with a share of the crop must submit production reports. Production reports are needed for all 2012 ACRE program commodities for which acreage reports greater than zero were submitted. The deadline for submitting production reports is July 15, 2013.

Failure to timely complete production reports (FSA-658) will result in a request for refund of all Direct and ACRE program payments issued for the farm's 2012 ACRE Program participation.

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## FSA Seeks Nominees for Lincoln County Committee

The Farm Service Agency is looking for candidates for the upcoming grower-elected county committee election. FSA is accepting nominations through August 1, 2013.

FSA county committees make decisions which impact program payments. They bring local knowledge of farming practices, prices and conditions to program implementation. Also, producers can appeal most agency determinations to the local county committee.

FSA encourages all interested agricultural producers, including women and minority growers, to seek nomination. Eligible candidates must participate or cooperate in any Farm Service Agency program and be of legal voting age. Even if you are not currently participating in FSA programs, you may be considered eligible under the cooperation criteria if you have farm records on file with FSA.

The Lincoln County Committee draws its members from local administrative areas. Nominated by local farmers and ranchers, candidates must live in the local administrative area they will represent and must be eligible to vote in the county election. Members serve on staggered three-year terms so that one-third of the seats are up for re-election each year.

This year's election takes place in LAA 2, which includes the general area of Davenport, Reardan, and Edwall. A map of FSA county committee election areas can be found on the agency's website <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>.

Elected county committee members receive an hourly wage for their attendance and representation at county committee meetings. Elections will take place in the fall and newly elected committee members begin their terms January 1, 2014.

Additional information and nomination forms may be requested from our office. Nomination forms may also be obtained online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>.

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## **Deadline to Submit Production for NAP Covered Crops**

Producers who obtain Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage are required to report annually all production for NAP covered crops. This maintains your compliance with NAP program requirements. Production information can be provided to the county office either by submitting actual production evidence, or certified production supplied verbally. Regardless of how you choose to provide your production information, it must include a signed CCC-452 form (Actual Production History Form).

The deadline to submit a signed CCC-452 is close of business Monday July 15, 2013. Failure to timely report production may negatively affect future year approved yield calculations for your NAP covered crops.

### **NAP APPLICATION CLOSING DATES FOR THE 2014 CROP YEAR**

8/31/2013 – Canola; carrots (for seed, fresh or processing); Christmas trees; floriculture; mushrooms; onions (for seed, fresh or processing); rapeseed; and any other fall planted crops not mentioned in other closing dates.

9/30/2013 – Mint; perennial grazing, forage, mixed forage, and forage seed crops.

11/20/2013 – Perennial crops not listed in the 9/30 category; asparagus; berries; grapes; honey; hops; tree fruits and nuts.

3/15/2014 – Beets (for seed or fresh); buckwheat; camelina; mustard; radish (for seed or fresh); small grain forages (wheat, barley, oats, peas); and any other spring planted crops not mentioned in other closing dates.

NAP coverage should be purchased at least 30 days before the crop is planted, but no later than the application

closing date.

NAP coverage cannot be offered on any crop for which Federal Crop Insurance is available in the county.

## **Disaster Debt Set Aside Program**

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When FSA direct loan borrowers are located in a designated disaster area or contiguous county, and are unable to make their scheduled payments on any debt, FSA is authorized to consider set-aside of some payments to allow the operation to continue.

Borrowers have eight months from the date of designation to apply for the program. A complete application includes a written request from all liable parties, actual production, income and expense records for the period in which disaster occurred, and other items as required. Production, income and expense records are not required in instances where the agency already has the information.

Borrowers are eligible to receive the disaster set-aside based on the following:

- The borrower is unable to pay all family living and farm operating expenses, payments to other creditors and payments to FSA;
- The borrower must have operated the farm or ranch at the time of the disaster;
- Each loan considered for disaster set-aside must have been outstanding at the time of the disaster;
- The borrower must be current or not more than one installment behind on any FSA loan;
- The loan considered for disaster set-aside must have at least a term of 2 years remaining on the payments;
- After the disaster set-aside is completed, the borrower must be current with FSA payments;
- The amount set aside cannot exceed one year's FSA payment;
- Each loan can only receive one disaster set-aside; and
- The borrower must be able to develop a positive cash-flow projection for the coming year.

Each payment set-aside must be repaid prior to the final maturity of the note. Any principal set-aside will continue to accrue interest until it is repaid.

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