



NEWSLETTER



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Next COC Meeting:

June 21, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

Dates to Remember:

6-1 SURE Program Ends
6-1 DCP/ACRE Sign up Ends
6-30 Acreage Reporting Ends
6-30 NAP Production Deadline

2012 DCP/ACRE SIGNUP CONTINUES

The deadline to sign up for the **2012 ACRE ELECTION** is **June 1, 2012**. Producers who have already enrolled in ACRE or are participating in the 2012 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program are reminded that sign up ends June 1 but late-filed provisions allow enrollment until **August 1, 2012**. Producers must sign up annually for benefits. August 1 is also the final date to turn in owners signatures for the contract to be approved. All producers with a crop share interest on DCP or ACRE base acres must have a share in direct and counter-cyclical payments. Changes on the farm before or after enrolling in DCP/ACRE must be immediately reported to the local FSA office. Examples include ownership changes, producer changes (individuals and entities, and change in crop shares arrangements. Please call to set up an appointment.

2012 CROP ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE

It is time for the annual crop acreage reporting process to take place. If you have completed planting all your 2012 crops now is the time to get an appointment. The deadline for timely reporting your crop acreage is **June 30**, but because that falls on a Saturday you have until Monday, July 2. After this date your report will be considered late-filed and you will be required to pay a fee for a field visit to verify the planted crops. **The following producers are required to report all their cropland on the farm in order to receive program benefits:** **1.** Participants in the 2012 DCP or ACRE program. **2.** Producers enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). **3.** Producers wishing to receive Marketing Loan Assistance (MLA) or Loan Deficiency Program (LCP) payments. **4.** Producers who have purchased 2012 NAP (Non-insured crop assistance Program Insurance).

When you arrive to report your planted crops please have with you the crops planted, the number of acres in each field (we have the aerial maps of 2011), the planting dates, any changes to field boundaries, crop share percentage and expected life for perennial crops.

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 in 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.

The new form 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. Applicants are reminded your FSA power-of-attorney authorization will not work for this form. The form will have to be signed by the participant or entity member themselves. IRS will not accept FSA power-of-attorney forms. New AGI forms are available at your county office or on the FSA internet site.

2011 ACRE PRODUCTION REPORTING DEADLINE

Producers enrolled in the ACRE program are required to provide their 2011 production for all covered commodities on ACRE farms whether they have a share interest in the crop or not, including any covered commodity harvested as forage. The deadline for reporting production by submitting a signed FSA-658 is July 15, 2012 for the 2012 crop year. The form is available at the office or may be found at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eForms/FSA658.PDF>. It is the producer's responsibility to file a signed FSA-658 by July 15, 2012. The County Committee has stressed that producers need to be involved in calculating production yields similar to last year. More importantly, do not miss this important deadline as failure to provide a signed FSA-658 makes all producers (owners, operators, and interested producers on the farm) ineligible for payments on the farm.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM REMINDERS

Producer participating in the Conservation Reserve Program are reminded they must annually report their CRP acreage to get paid. The primary nesting season began on April 1 and ends July 1 each year. If you need to control weeds on your CRP during this period of time you must request permission from the County Committee.

If your CRP contract expires on September 30, 2012 and you plan on planting a fall seeded crop you can request permission from the County Committee to begin tillage operations as early as July 1, 2012 without a payment reduction. The earliest tillage could begin is May 1 but starting prior to July 1 requires a 1/12th per month reduction in the annual rental payment.

Participants who have CRP acres to be seeded this spring are reminded to review their Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO) for the seeding specification. Failure to timely plant the stand can result in termination of the CRP contract for failure to establish the stand in a timely manner.

CRP participants with established stands of grass are reminded that haying and or grazing of some stands are eligible for haying or grazing every 4th year. This haying or grazing must be requested and approved prior to starting. Grazing can begin June 1 or haying can begin July 1 after COC approval. Participants are assessed a payment reduction of 25% of the annual rental payment for the acres hayed or grazed.

2010 SURE SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS JUNE 1

If you farm land located adjacent to Spokane County the deadline to submit an application for the 2010 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) is June 1, 2012. The application and all required documentation must be on file and signed by close of business on June 1, 2012. To be eligible for SURE, a producer must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, if available, from the FSA.

2011 NAP PRODUCTION DEADLINE/DEADLINE TO REQUEST PAY FOR 2011 LOSSES IS JUNE 30, 2012

The production reporting deadline for NAP participants is June 30, 2012. This is for supplying yields and signing your Actual Production History (APH) reports for 2011. If you had a possible loss in 2011 and filed a notice of loss you must request payment by the June 30th deadline. Please talk with Dave Olson if you have any questions on the NAP program.