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Acreage Reporting

The acreage reporting deadline is fast approaching. 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. 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. Acreage reports are required for most FSA programs. **The deadline to report acreage is July 1 for all crops and land uses.**

2010 FSA County Committee Elections

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers, whether beginning or long established, with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign nomination form FSA-669A. The form includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. The nomination period begins June 15th and August 2nd is the last day to file nomination forms. You may request nomination forms from the local USDA Service Center or obtain online at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_committeeselectform.pdf

CRP Reminder

Producers with Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts are reminded that it is your responsibility to establish cover and control the weeds on your CRP acreage. These measures must be accomplished according to NRCS standards and specifications.

Grazing by livestock is not allowed unless approved by the COC under the Managed or Emergency Haying and Grazing Provisions. It is your responsibility to keep livestock off your contract acreage.

Any unapproved grazing of CRP acreage is a violation that is subject to a penalty and can result in termination of the contract.

NAP Production Records

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with your FSA office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up-to-date. Records submitted must be reliable or verifiable and need to show crop disposition. We recommend producers submit 2009 production records as soon as harvest is complete. **All 2009 production records must be submitted by July 1, 2010.**

NAP Loss Filing

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting **and may be completed by any producer with an** interest in the crop. The timely filing of a Notice of Loss is required for ALL CROPS INCLUDING GRASSES. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576 (notice of loss) in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

Farm Reconstitutions

At FSA, farms are “constituted” to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. Another reason is when an owner and operator cannot agree about program participation. A reconstitution 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, reconstitutions must be requested by August 2, 2010 for farms enrolled in specific programs.

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Important Dates to Remember	
June 15	COC Election Nomination Period Begins
July 1	Final Day to report Crops
July 1	Final Day to report 2009 Production for NAP
July 5	Independence Day Holiday Observed – Office Closed
August 2	Final Day to request 2010 Reconstitutions
August 2	COC Nomination Period Ends
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous CRP Signup

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