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USDA's Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers to File Annual Report of Acreage to Meet Farm Program Requirements

(Bozeman, MT), April 28, 2010 – Bruce Nelson, State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Montana today reminded producers to submit their annual report of acreage to their local FSA county office to meet FSA program eligibility requirements by July 15, 2010.

"Producers can maximize their opportunity for program benefit returns by filing their reports accurately and in a timely manner for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage," said Nelson.

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for various programs, such as the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program and newer programs authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. Programs include the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

Acreage reports are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline of July 15th, 2010. Prevented acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Failed acreage must be reported before the disposition of the crop. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines.

Late-filed provisions may be available to producers who are unable to meet the reporting deadline as required. Reports filed after the established deadline must meet certain requirements to be accepted and may be charged late fees.

Producers should visit their county FSA office to complete acreage reporting. For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office. More information on FSA programs is at: www.fsa.usda.gov/mt.

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