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ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

July 2006

Acres Reporting Deadline Approaches

July 17, 2006, is the deadline to report spring planted crops. Producers are required to report ALL cropland on the farm as a condition to receive Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's), and Marketing Assistance Loan. Since July 15 falls on Saturday, producers will have through close of business Monday July 17, 2006, to complete there acreage reports. Call your local county office to receive an appointment to certify.

Failed Acreage Provisions

Producers should report failed crop acres to their local FSA Office when the crop is failed due to disaster-related conditions. To be timely filed, acreage reports for failed acreage shall be filed before the crop is destroyed. County Committee review and action are required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

Changes of Interest in Farming Operation

If you have bought or sold land or if you have picked up or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to your local office no later than September 29, 2006. Failure to timely notify FSA of changes in your farming operation may adversely impact your eligibility for USDA benefits. Update signature authorization when changes in your farming operation occur.

Late-Filed Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)

Producers can still file an application to enroll in the DCP Program for 2006 through September 29, 2006, providing a \$100.00 late-file fee is paid for the farm. Applications received after that date cannot be approved.

Farm Reconstitutions

To be effective for the current fiscal year, farm combinations or farm divisions on farms with bases must be requested by August 1, 2006.

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Signing for Entities

If you have been granted authority to sign for an individual, partnership, corporation or any other entity, you must have a document on file at the county office naming the authority. These documents may be an FSA-211 (FSA's power of attorney form), copy of articles of partnership, or articles of corporation. When signing in a representative capacity your signature must include "by" or "for". Examples: John Smith by Jim Brown; ABC Partnership by Jim Brown. If you have any questions on the proper way to sign for your entity, contact your county office.

Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)

Producers participating in NAP are reminded that July 15, 2006, is the final acreage reporting date for the following annual crops:

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| Beans | Egg Plant | Peas | Squash |
| Cantaloupes | Grain Sorghum | Peppers | Sugar Cane |
| Corn | Okra | Pumpkins | Sunflowers |
| Cotton | Onions | Rice | Sweet Potatoes |
| Cucumbers | Peanuts | Soybeans | Watermelons |

Customers Statement Available On-Line

Customer's statement is available to on-line customers. See the attached pamphlet for details on obtaining this information.

Program Deadlines

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| Acreage reporting deadline for spring-seeded crops | July 17, 2006 |
| Final date to request a 2006 farm reconstitution for a farm enrolled in DCP | August 1, 2006 |
| CCC-502 Farm Operating Plan (DCP Participants) | September 29, 2006 |
| AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) (DCP Participants) | September 29, 2006 |
| CCC-526 Payment Eligibility Adjusted Gross Income Certification (DCP Participants) | September 29, 2006 |
| Report Changes in Farm Operations (DCP Participants) | September 29, 2006 |
| NAP Application closing date: Aquaculture, Christmas Tree, Ginseng, Ornamental Nursery & Turfgrass sod | September 1, 2006 |
| NAP Application Closing Date: Wheat and Oats for grain | September 30, 2006 |

