



## August 2012

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### Dates to Remember

**September 1, 2012** – NAP Sales Closing Date for All Nursery and Value Loss Crops

**September 30, 2012** – NAP Sales Closing Date for Fall Seeded Grain Crops

**November 15, 2012** - 2013 Acreage Reporting Deadline for All Fall Seeded Small Grains, and Perennial Forage, and Apiculture

**December 1, 2012** – NAP Sales Closing Date for Asparagus, Perennial Fruits

**March 15, 2013** – NAP Sales Closing Date for Spring Seeded and Annual Forage Crops

**July 15, 2013** - 2013 Acreage Reporting Deadline for All Other Crops

### FSA Interest Rates - July 2012

Farm Operating: 1.25%  
Farm Ownership: 3.00%  
Farm Ownership-Down Payment: 1.50%  
Emergency – Actual Loss: 2.25%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan 7 year term: 1.00%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan 10 year term: 1.625%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan 12 year term: 1.875%  
Commodity Loans: 1.25%

### Website:

[www.fsa.usda.gov/ne](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ne)

## Nebraska State FSA Updates

### 2012 Drought

The 2012 Drought is affecting producers across the United States. USDA and FSA are working to provide resources and support to producers affected by the drought conditions. To stay up to date on drought assistance and information for Nebraska click [here](#). For USDA's drought resources and information click [here](#).

### CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing

On August 1, Secretary Vilsack announced several changes to CRP emergency haying and grazing in Nebraska. Additional CRP practices are eligible for emergency haying and grazing. Practices include:

- CP8A, Grass Waterway
- CP23, Wetland Restoration
- CP23A, Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain
- CP27, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland
- CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer

In addition, producers are now allowed to conduct emergency haying on CP25, Rare and Declining Habitat (Prairie Restoration).

Emergency haying is limited to 50% of the field and emergency grazing is limited to 75% of the field or a reduced stocking rate. There is a 10% payment reduction for acres hayed or grazed. Contact your county FSA offices for more information.

### Change to 2013 Acreage Reporting Deadlines

FSA and the Risk Management Agency (RMA) have streamlined crop acreage certification deadlines to have common reporting dates. Starting in 2013, deadlines are:

- November 15, 2012 - All fall seeded small grains, all perennial forage, and apiculture
- July 15, 2013 - All other crops

Fall seeded small grain crops include all wheat, oats and rye. Perennial forage crops include all forage crops to be hayed or grazed. Contact your county FSA office for an appointment to certify your fall crops or for more information on acreage reporting requirements.

## 2012 ACRE Designations

Producers who have planted 2012 ACRE commodities in excess of 118% of their base acres on a farm have until September 30, 2012 to designate the number of acres of each crop for possible ACRE payment. All producers with a share of the ACRE commodities must sign a CCC-528 by this date. If a designation is not signed, ACRE payment acres will be prorated for eligible crops. Contact your local FSA office for further information.

## Veteran Farmers Project

The Veteran Farmers Project provides veterans with the business and agriculture education to help them become successful farmers. The project enables veterans to learn from experts through workshops, farm tours, individual consultations, and a helpline.

### Nebraska Workshop

August 17, 2012, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - North Platte Resources District

### Nebraska Farm Tours

August 7, 2012 – Madison/Pierce Area

August 14, 2012 – Milford Area

August 17, 2012 – Scottsbluff Area

### Kansas Farm Tours

July 31, 2012 – Edgerton/Lawrence Area

September 19-20, 2012 – Atwood/St. Francis Area

For information on workshops and farm tours click [here](#). For information on the Veteran Farmers Project click [here](#).

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## GovDelivery – Electronic Notice of FSA Information

The USDA Farm Service Agency offices are moving toward a paperless operation. Producers are asked to enroll in the new GovDelivery system which will provide notices, newsletters and electronic reminders instead of a hard copy through the mail.

FSA, like many other organizations, is trying to work smarter and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

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