



## December 2012

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## Dates to Remember

**November 30, 2012** - Final Day for CRP Emergency Grazing

**December 3, 2012** - Deadline to Report Final CRP Acres Grazed

**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

**June 7, 2013** - Deadline to Sign up for 2011 SURE Program

**July 15, 2013** - 2013 Acreage Reporting Deadline for All Other Crops; Deadline for 2012 ACRE Production Reports

## Nebraska State FSA Updates

### FSA Farm Loans Available Due to Drought and Fires

For producers impacted by the 2012 drought or range fires, the FSA Farm Loan Programs that can be considered to assist them include:

- Direct Operating (OL), Emergency (EM) Loans, and also Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans. These loan programs can be considered for refinancing carryover debt, purchasing livestock feed, replacing or repairing fences or structures that were damaged or destroyed by the disaster.
- The Disaster Set-Aside Program allows existing FSA direct borrowers who are unable to make their FSA payment to be considered for a set-aside of the FSA payment to help the borrower recover from the disaster.

FSA Primary Loan Servicing Programs can be used by existing FSA direct loan borrowers who are unable to make their scheduled payments due to the disaster. These loan servicing options include: rescheduling, reamortization, consolidation, deferral or write-down of the FSA debt.

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## Beginning Farmer Loans

FSA is often referred to as “The Lender of First Opportunity” because of our dedication to assisting beginning farmers. Prioritized funding is available for beginning farmers applying for operating and farm ownership loans. In addition, the Downpayment Loan Program and Land Contract Guarantee Program are exclusively offered to socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers. Come visit the USDA booth during the Nebraska Power Farming Show at the Lancaster Events Center in Lincoln December 4, 5, and 6 to learn more about these beginning farmer programs.

While at the Nebraska Power Farming Show take time to discuss beginning farmer programs with the Nebraska State Department of Agriculture. The first 50 customers to their booth each day will be handed a voucher for a free coffee and a donut. See you there!

## **FSA Interest Rates**

Farm Operating: 1.125%  
Farm Ownership: 3.125%  
Farm Ownership-Down  
Payment: 1.5%  
Emergency – Actual Loss:  
2.125%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan  
7 year term: 1.125%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan  
10 year term: 1.750%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan  
12 year term: 1.875%  
Commodity Loans:  
1.125%



## **ACRE Participants - Submit 2012 Production Evidence**

Participants in the 2012 ACRE program are encouraged to submit production reports now to their local FSA Office. Although the final calculation of ACRE revenue payments will not occur until the end of the marketing year in the fall of 2013, production reports may be submitted now while the information is readily available and before the busy 2013 cropping season begins. The final date to submit 2012 production reports is July 15, 2013.

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## **CRP Emergency Grazing Ends**

CRP emergency grazing ended on November 30. Producers that requested emergency grazing after October 1 need to report the final acres grazed by December 3, 2012.

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## **Fall Acreage Reporting Reminder**

The deadline to submit 2013 fall seeded, forage and apiculture crops was November 15, 2012. This includes all fall seeded wheat, and all hayed or grazed perennial forage crops. If you have missed this deadline, these reports will still be accepted without a late-file fee. In addition, forage producers should submit any 2012 reports not previously filed with FSA. Contact your local county office to set up an appointment and to get these crops reported.

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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.

Producers can subscribe to receive free e-mail updates by going to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe>.

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