



## July 2012

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### Dates to Remember

**Immediate** - Deadline to file AGI Verification Consent Forms with IRS

**July 16th** - Acreage Reporting deadline for all other 2012 crops

**July 16th** - Deadline to report Actual 2011 ACRE Production

**August 1st** - COC Nomination Period Deadline  
**August 1st** - DCP/ACRE Late-File Enrollment Deadline

### June FSA Interest Rates

Farm Operating: 1.25%  
Farm Ownership: 3.375%  
Farm Ownership-Down Payment: 1.5%  
Emergency – Actual Loss: 3.75%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan 7 year term: 1.125%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan 10 year term: 1.625%  
Farm Storage Facility Loan 12 year term: 1.875%  
Commodity Loans: 1.25%



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## Nebraska State FSA Updates

### Nomination Period is now open for 2012 County Committee (COC) Elections

The nomination period for the 2012 COC elections began June 15th. This time allows farmers and ranchers to select themselves or others as candidates for election to serve on the local county committee and help make important agricultural decisions. Members of the committee deliver FSA farm programs at the local level and make decisions needed to administer the programs in their offices. Nominations for election for the COC must be completed on form [FSA-669A](#). Contact your local FSA Service Center Office to pick up a form. The nomination period runs through August 1st. The COC election will be conducted later in the fall. For more information please click [here](#).

### Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

The FSFL loan program provides financing for building, expanding or upgrades of farm storage and handling facilities for eligible commodities. There is a \$500,000 loan limit and a 15% down payment requirement. Loan terms are for 7, 10, or 12 years depending on the amount of the loan. Contact your local FSA Office for details and current interest rates. For additional information click [here](#).

### New Process for Repayment by Check

FSA/CCC is moving toward Over the Counter Channel (OTCnet), an electronic method for processing customer check payments. When a check is submitted to FSA for payment either in person or through the mail, the check will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from your account, usually within 24 hours of receipt. This method requires funds to be in the account at the time of payment or the check will be returned for insufficient funds. Please see the U.S. Department of Treasury legal notices posted in the Service Center or visit the U.S. Department of Treasury Internet site for detailed information by clicking [here](#).

### Late-File Period for DCP/ACRE Enrollment

Producers who missed the June 1 deadline for Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) annual enrollment may still late-file a contract until August 1. Although a contract may have been initiated prior to June 1, it is not enrolled in the DCP or ACRE program until all necessary signatures and documentation have been obtained. Signatures of all producers sharing in base acres must be submitted no later than August 1.

## Reporting Noninsured Crop Losses

If you've purchased Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, don't forget to file a timely notice of loss if you have one. To be eligible for NAP assistance, you must notify the staff of your local county FSA office of any crop loss or damage within 15 days of the natural disaster occurrence, the date damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent, the normal harvest date as established by FSA, or the final planting date, if the planting was prevented by a natural disaster.

If you are planning to destroy the crop prior to harvest, an inspection of the **entire acreage** must be completed. Acreage destroyed without inspection and consent will not be eligible for NAP assistance. For more information please click [here](#).

## Report Changes in Interest

Once a farm is enrolled in DCP or ACRE, participants must report any changes in interest and submit a revised contract, as necessary, no later than September 30. This includes changes in shares of base acres, or changes in producers with an interest on the farm. Other eligibility documents may also need to be updated. Contact your local FSA office to notify them of changes timely and determine whether additional action is needed to remain eligible for payments.

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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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