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Dates to Remember

August 31, 2012 - Final Day for CRP Haying

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

September 30, 2012 - Final Day for CRP Managed Grazing for All Practices and CRP Emergency Grazing on CRP and Wetland Practices

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

October 1, 2012 - Deadline to Report Number of Acres of CRP Haying and Grazing

October 15, 2012 - Final Day to Removed Bales from CRP

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

November 30, 2012 - Final Day for CRP Emergency Grazing on All Other Practices

December 1, 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

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

Nebraska State FSA Updates

2012 Nebraska Secretarial Disaster Designations

Every county in Nebraska has received a primary Secretarial Disaster Designation due to drought. This designation provides the customer access to Emergency Loans and may enable customers to receive benefits from future disaster assistance programs. To stay up to date on FSA's drought assistance visit our webpage by clicking [here](#). For USDA's drought resources and information, visit the USDA website by clicking [here](#).

CRP Emergency Grazing Extended for Certain Practices

FSA has extended emergency grazing on certain CRP practices until November 30, 2012. The previous deadline was September 30, 2012. The CRP practices eligible for the extension are CP1 – Introduced Grasses and Legumes, CP2 – Native Grasses and Legumes, CP4B – Wildlife Habitat, Corridors, CP4D – Wildlife Habitat, CP10 – Grass, Already Established, CP18B – Permanent Vegetation to Reduce Salinity, CP18C – Permanent Salt Tolerant Vegetative Cover, CP25 – Rare and Declining Habitat, CP38E – State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE). This grazing extension does NOT apply to the CRP Wetland Practices or Grass Waterways. If you are unsure of your CRP practice, contact your local FSA office.

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 to the farmer, 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 or graze the crop prior to harvest, an inspection of the **entire acreage** must be completed before hand. Acreage destroyed without inspection and consent will not be eligible for NAP assistance.

FSA Interest Rates

Farm Operating: 1.125%
Farm Ownership: 3.0%
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: 1.625%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 12 year
term: 1.875%
Commodity Loans: 1.125%



New Imagery Available

New imagery flown in 2012 is now available at your local FSA office. This imagery was flown during the June-July timeframe. The new imagery can be reviewed by producers when completing their 2013 acreage certification.

Submit 2012 Forage Reports

Congress is currently drafting legislation to provide assistance to livestock producers affected by the 2012 drought. Producers who did not previously provide a report of their 2012 forage crops, including those on noncropland, should submit those reports now so all necessary information is on file once assistance becomes available. Although July 15, 2012 was the final certification date, fees for late-filed reports are currently being waived. Contact your local FSA office for additional information, or to make an appointment.

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>.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay).