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ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

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Acreage Reporting Deadline for Fall-Seeded Crops is July 15, 2008

July 15, 2008, is the deadline to report spring-seeded crops to your local FSA Office. A late payment fee will be charged for reports filed after July 15, 2008. It is unknown at this time if an acreage report will be required to obtain any potential USDA benefits for the 2008 crop year. However, in the previous Farm Bill acreage reports were required for most programs before payments could be issued.

Failed and Prevented Planted Acreage

Failed Acreage Provisions – Producers should report failed crop acres to their local FSA Office when the crop is failed due to disaster-related conditions such as but not limited to the recent flooding. To be timely filed, acreage reports for failed acreage shall be filed *before the crop is destroyed*. County Committee review and action is required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations__

Prevented Planted Provisions – Producers should report prevented planted acreage to their local FSA Office when the crop acreage is not planted due to disaster-related conditions. To be considered timely filed, prevented planted acres shall be reported no later than *15 calendar days after the final planting date* established by Federal Crop Insurance. County Committee review and action are required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

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County Committee *may not* approve acreage that:

- Was not planted because of a *management decision*
- Was used for *conservation purposes*, including any that was intended to be left idle
- Had a *previous or subsequent crop* planted that does not meet the double-cropping provisions
- Does not meet *other* applicable rules.

Below are the final planting dates for Arkansas and the deadlines for filing prevented planted credit.

Unless noted the date is applicable to all counties in Arkansas:

Crop	Federal Crop Insurance Final Planting Date	Deadline to File Prevented Planted
Corn	May 10	May 25
Upland Cotton	May 20 Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, St Francis, White, and Woodruff Counties	June 4
Upland Cotton	May 25 Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Clark, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke, Miller, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie, and Pulaski Counties	June 9
Peanuts	May 25	June 9
Rice	May 31	June 15
Grain Sorghum	June 10	June 25
Soybeans	June 15	June 30
Wheat, Oats,	November 30	December 15

2005-2007 Crop Disaster Assistance Program

FSA County Offices are continuing to accept applications for the 2005, 2006, and 2007 Crop Disaster Assistance Program (CDP) for quantity losses. It is still unknown when FSA will start quality loss applications, but producers should continue to watch for the additional information. For both quantity and quality losses, eligible producers must have obtained Federal Crop Insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss.

LCP and LIP

- Sign-up for LCP & LIP will end close of business (COB) JULY 18, 2008

**Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
Acreage Reporting Deadlines Announced**

2008 NAP Acreage Reporting Deadline	
Crop	Date
Beans (all varieties, spring planted), corn (for grain and sweet corn), cotton, cantaloupes, cucumbers, eggplant, grain sorghum, okra, onions, peanuts, peas (all varieties, spring planted), peppers, pumpkins, rice, squash, watermelons, soybeans, sugarcane, sunflowers, and sweet potatoes.	July 15, 2008

Report Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Acreage and Losses Timely

Acreage and shares of NAP covered crops must be timely reported to the local FSA Office. Measurement services are available if needed. If a natural disaster strikes your covered crop, you must timely notify your local FSA office by completing a Notice of Loss within 15 calendar days from the date of:

- the natural disaster occurrence
- the final planting, if your planting was prevented by a natural disaster
- the date damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent to you
- the normal harvest date.

CRP PERMITTED USE FOR CRITICAL FEEDING

- On May 27, 2008, Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced that USDA has authorized certain acreage enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to be available for hay and forage after the primary nesting season ends for grass-nesting birds.
- Eligible farmers and ranchers will be able to plan for harvest of forage **after the end of the primary nesting season this summer**.
- Signup for interested CRP participants will begin June 2, 2008, at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.
- This modification for critical feed use is only for 2008.
- All forage use must be completed no later than Nov. 10, 2008.