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Dates to Remember

November 3, 2012 - Start of COC Elections

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

November 15, 2012 - Crop Insurance Sales Closing Deadline for Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Rainfall Index (PRF-RI) Coverage

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

December 3, 2012 - Deadline to Submit all COC Election Ballots

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

June 7, 2013 - Deadline to Apply for 2011 SURE

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

Nebraska State FSA Updates

Signup for 2011 Crop Revenue Losses (SURE Program) Continues

The sign up for 2011 crop losses started October 22, 2012 and runs through June 7, 2013.

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that occurred in crop year 2011. SURE is available to eligible producers on:

- farms in counties with Secretarial Disaster Declarations, including contiguous counties, that have incurred crop production or quality losses, or both, and includes all crops grown by a producer nationwide except grazed crops
- any farm in which, for the crop year, the actual production on the farm because of disaster-related conditions is 50 percent or less than normal production on the farm.

A SURE fact sheet is available on the National FSA Website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> under the Disaster Assistance Programs tab on the left hand side, then listed under related topics.

County Committee Elections

The COC Election process begins November 5th. Ballots are required to be returned by December 3rd. Contact your local FSA Office to determine what LAAs are up for election and for additional information on the election process.

ACRE Producers Report 2012 Production

Participants in the 2012 ACRE program should submit production reports to FSA as soon as harvest is finished. Although 2012 ACRE direct payments have already been issued, 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 you are compiling the information for crop insurance. This also moves the task off the list of things to do before next year's busy cropping season. The final date to submit 2012 production reports is July 15, 2013.

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: 2.0%
Commodity Loans: 1.125%



Consult NRCS with Conservation Compliance Concerns

Producers affected by the 2012 drought conditions should work with their local NRCS office to ensure they remain in compliance with their current conservation plan on highly erodible land. The drought has made it difficult in some areas to maintain the necessary levels of crop residue. NRCS can offer advice on maintaining compliance, provide some alternatives to the existing conservation plan, or may determine the area eligible for a conservation compliance variance.

CRP Emergency Grazing Continues

Due to the 2012 drought, CRP emergency grazing is authorized until November 30, 2012. Prior authorization is required from your County FSA Office.

CRP Signup Update

As of September 30, 2012 CRP Signup authority ended with the expiration of the latest Farm Bill. FSA cannot currently process any new CRP offers or approvals.

FSA anticipates CRP will be reauthorized when a new farm bill is implemented by Congress and signed by the President.

While FSA cannot process any new offers, FSA will continue to service any existing CRP contracts and make any CRP payments that are due. FSA will continue to visit with you about any of your CRP needs and questions.

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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