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Dates to Remember

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

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

October 22, 2012 - Signup for 2011 SURE Begins

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

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

Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Discrimination Claim Period Opens

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the opening of the claim period for Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers that allege discrimination during the period 1981 thru 2000. The claim period will run from September 24, 2012 thru March 25, 2013. More information is available from a website: www.farmersclaims.gov or by phone: 1-888-508-4429.

CRP and DCP Payments

CRP annual rental payments will begin on or about October 2, 2012. Please keep in mind that rental reductions for CRP haying and grazing may be deducted from your rental payments.

FSA will begin issuing DCP and ACRE direct payments for 2012 participants on October 9, 2012. ACRE revenue payments for 2011 crops, if earned, will also be processed at this time.

Direct deposit participants should ensure that current banking information is on file with FSA.

Important Fall Dates to Remember

New Fall Acreage Reporting Deadline

November 15, 2012 - Deadline to report 2013 fall seeded crops, perennial forage and apiculture. Contact your local county office to set up an appointment for fall acreage reporting.

Dates for CRP Haying and Grazing

September 30, 2012 - Last day for CRP managed grazing.

October 1, 2012 - Deadline to report the CRP acres hayed or grazed to your county FSA office. This deadline applies to both managed and emergency CRP hay/graze.

October 15, 2012 - Final date to have CRP hay bales removed from CRP fields.

November 30, 2012 - Final date for emergency CRP grazing. If emergency grazing occurs after October 1, 2012, report the acres grazed to your local FSA office by November 30, 2012.

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: 1.750%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 12
year term: 2.0%
Commodity Loans: 1.125%

Signup for 2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program Announced

Producers can enroll in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program for 2011 crop year losses beginning Oct. 22, 2012. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, SURE authorizes assistance to farmers and ranchers who suffered crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through Sept. 30, 2011.

For more information on SURE program eligibility requirements contact the local county office or visit the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

IRS Forms 1099-G and 1099-MISC Reporting Changes

In accordance with Internal Revenue Code sections 6041(a) and 6041A(a), if a producer's total calendar year payments are less than \$600, IRS Forms 1099-G and 1099-MISC are not required to be provided by the issuer. Beginning with 2012, FSA will not provide these forms to producers that received less than \$600 for the calendar year. Producers affected by this change should contact their tax advisor to determine if their payments are required to be reported on their tax return. [Click here for additional information concerning the reporting changes.](#)

Guaranteed Loan Limit Increase

Effective October 1, 2012, the maximum FSA guaranteed loan limit will increase from \$1,214,000 to \$1,302,000. This loan limit applies to guaranteed Farm Operating, Farm Ownership and Conservation loans or a combination of those types of guaranteed loans.

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).