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REPORTING DEADLINES Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of disaster event and before crop destruction. By a crop's applicable reporting deadline, a copy of insurance loss appraisal is needed when filing failed acreage reports.

MAY 31ST is acreage report deadline for small grain crops and AUGUST 1ST is deadline for all other crops and land uses, including grass.♦

SURE SIGNUP Signup for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) began Jan. 10, 2011 and ends Jul. 29, 2011. Due to natural disasters, SURE provides benefits for 2009 crop year farm revenue losses.

A farm enrolled in SURE may be eligible for benefits when either, a) farms in counties with a Secretarial disaster declaration, including contiguous counties, have incurred crop production or quality losses, or both, and includes all crops grown by a producer, nationwide, except grazed crops, or, b) any farm in which, for the crop year, the actual production of the farm because of disaster related conditions is less than 50% or less than normal production of the farm.♦

WELCOME! Ronald Kough was recently elected to serve on the Logan County FSA Committee for a three-year term beginning Jan.1, 2011. Mr. Kough is a crop and livestock producer representing the Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2.♦

MAINTAINING CRP ACRES

Maintenance of CRP acres is the responsibility of all CRP participants. Producers who signed a 10 to 15 year contract have agreed to maintain their contracted acres according to program guidelines. Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO) should be consulted for more specific guidelines.

While ensuring an approved grass stand is established, CRP maintenance duties also include controlling undesirable vegetation, such as weeds, noxious weeds, brush and volunteer trees, and preventing unauthorized grazing or haying.

The Logan County FSA Committee reminds FSA participants it is their responsibility to ensure undesirable weeds, noxious weeds, insects, rodents and etc, that pose a threat to existing cover or impact other landowners in area are controlled.

Failure to adequately maintain CRP acreage can result in maintenance violation penalties.♦

MAINTAINING BASE ACRES

For 2011, Kansas State FSA Committee determined all land, or base acreage, enrolled in a DCP or ACRE contract must be protected from wind and water erosion, and weeds controlled. All land includes base acreage planted to a crop or left idled and fallowed. Weed control generally means preventing weed seed production.

The Logan County FSA Committee reminds FSA participants it is their responsibility to ensure adequate conservation measures are taken to keep erosion and weeds from impacting land of neighboring producers.♦

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

NAP Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is a federally funded program helping producers reduce risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and crops for livestock feed, for which crop insurance is not available.

Drought conditions are wide-spread throughout the state. If you have crops affected by drought or other adverse weather conditions, you must submit a written notice of loss within (15) days of disaster occurrence or date disaster loss becomes apparent.

Production records for all crops must be reported to FSA no later than the applicable final crop acreage reporting date for the following crop reporting year. FSA requires any production reported in a loss year be verifiable according to Agency specifications. ♦

BEGINNING AND LIMITED RESOURCE FARMERS

FSA assists beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. These programs provide financing to eligible applicants through direct or guaranteed loans.

FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for no more than 10 years,
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm,
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA,
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30% of the county's average size. ♦

PROCESS TO RESOLVE DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS OF WOMEN AND HISPANIC FARMERS AND RANCHERS

USDA announced a process to resolve claims of women and Hispanic farmers and ranchers who assert they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans. The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible women and Hispanic farmers and ranchers.

Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov or calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider. ♦

Dates to Remember

MAY 31	Final loan availability date for corn, sorghum, soybeans
MAY 31	Final date to report small grains planted acres
JUNE 1	Final signup date for 2011 DCP and ACRE
JULY 29	Final date to apply for 2009 SURE losses
CONTINUES	Availability of Farm Stored Facility Loans
CONTINUES	Availability of Continuous CRP acreage
CONTINUES	Availability of Direct and Guaranteed loans