



# NEWSLETTER



## March 2012

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### Next COC Meeting

Garfield County – March 12  
9:00 Garfield County  
Service Center  
Asotin County – March 14  
10:00 Asotin County Service  
Center

### Dates to Remember

**March 15** - NAP closing date  
for spring planted crops, small  
grain forages, mustard, radish,  
summer planted buckwheat  
**March 12** – CRP signup  
begins  
**April 6** - CRP signup deadline  
**May 28** - Office closed  
**June 1** - DCP/ACRE signup  
deadline  
**June 1** - SURE 2010 loss  
signup deadline  
**June 30** – Acreage reporting  
deadline  
**June 30** – NAP production  
deadline  
**July 15** – ACRE production  
deadline



## LAST PRINTED NEWSLETTER

FSA is no longer able to mail out hardcopy newsletters. Electronic copies are available through a new emailing system called GovDelivery. This system will allow FSA to continue to send you program information through email. County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

You may subscribe to receive electronic updates by going to the USDA GovDelivery sign-up page found at the following web address: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe>.

The form on the reverse side of this newsletter informs FSA of your intent to receive newsletters electronically. Complete blocks 1A, 1B, 3, 4, 8A, 8B and 8C. Select "No" in block 4 and return the form to the county office. If you do not have email access, please contact your county office so alternative arrangements can be made.

## 2012 DCP/ACRE SIGNUP UNDERWAY

We are currently taking appointments to sign up for 2012 DCP/ACRE program. The deadline to sign up is **June 1, 2012**. Please call the office to set up an appointment. Advance direct payments are not available in 2012. Payment rates remain the same as last year, but producers earn payments on 85% of the farms established base acreage rather than 83.3% as in years past.

If you have a farm that is enrolled in ACRE, remember to bring in your 2011 production. It is a requirement to report all production on ACRE farms.

## ACREAGE REPORTING

Acreage reporting must be completed this year by **June 30, 2012** as in years past. In the previous newsletter, it was stated the deadline was changed to July 15, 2012, but that was incorrect. Producers are reminded to bring their planting dates to their appointment.

## NEW AGI FORMS REQUIRED FOR 2012

FSA and NRCS program participants, including all members of participating entities, must meet certain Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) requirements to qualify for benefits. Starting for the 2012 crop year, a new AGI form has been developed that both reports whether an applicant or member meets the AGI requirements and authorizes the IRS to confirm that information for FSA.

The new form also reflects an additional AGI limitation applicable only to 2012 direct payments. In addition to the \$500,000 average nonfarm AGI and the \$750,000 average farm AGI limitation, a \$1 million average AGI limitation will be applicable for 2012 direct payments.

Another difference with the CCC-931 AGI form pertains to signature authority. In the past, power-of-attorney (POA) authorizations filed with FSA allowed participants to have the AGI certification filled out and signed on their behalf by the grantee. Since the form now authorizes the IRS to confirm the information, it has to be signed by the individual and not a POA. All the information on the form needs to be completed in the same way you do your tax information. The CCC-931 must have your legal name, current address, and complete social security number, and only have one year selected to certify to. We will do our best to help landowners and operators complete these forms.

## CRP

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general signup starts **March 12, 2012 and ends April 6, 2012**. Producers are urged to be realistic with their offers. If you are re-enrolling ground that is currently under CRP, don't be surprised if you are required to do some sort of enhancement once your offer is accepted and NRCS completes a stand evaluation.

Contact the FSA office to make an appointment to discuss potential offers, or to discuss any eligibility questions that you may have.

As we enter into the growing season again, CRP contract holders are reminded to inspect their CRP for weed issues. Early spring is an opportune time to take care of some of these issues before they get out of control. Weed control must be priority for CRP contract-holders. Noxious weeds and other undesirable plant species can negatively affect acreage of the contract-holder and neighboring land. Failure to control weed populations can result in reduced payments, replanting requirements, or in severe situations, termination of the CRP contract. Contact the FSA office for more information.

## SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE FOR 2010 LOSSES

The deadline for producers to submit applications for 2010 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) is **June 1, 2012**. Garfield County was contiguous to Columbia County which received a disaster designation. Asotin County was neither a disaster county nor a contiguous county. Producers in Asotin County must have suffered a 50% loss on their farm in order to qualify for a SURE payment, while Garfield County producers must only have a 10% loss on a crop of economic significance. Please contact our office with any questions or to schedule an appointment to apply.

This form is available electronically.

Form Approved - OMB No. 0560-0265

<b>AD-2047</b> (08-04-09)		<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b> Farm Service Agency Rural Development Natural Resources Conservation Service		
<b>CUSTOMER DATA WORKSHEET REQUEST FOR SCIMS RECORD CHANGE</b>				
<b>(FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY)</b>				
<small>(See Page 2 for Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements)</small>				
<b>PART A - CUSTOMER INFORMATION</b>				
1A. Customer's Full Legal Name or Business Name		1B. Customer or Business Address (including Zip Code)		
1C. Home Telephone Number (Area Code)	1D. Business Telephone Number (Area Code)	1E. Other Telephone Number (Area Code)		
2. SSN or Tax ID Number (9 Digits)	3. E-Mail Address	4. Customer Wishes to Receive Mail? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
5. Producer is Customer of One or More of the Following Agencies. (Check Appropriate Agency(ies) below): <input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> RD <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> Not Participating				
6. Is the Customer a Multi-County Producer? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "YES," list States and/or Counties below.) <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
7. Reason for Request (Check appropriate box(es) below): <input type="checkbox"/> New Producer <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Change <input type="checkbox"/> Sale/Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Life Event <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):				
8. Enter the name of the customer requesting the record change(s). If documentation is received by Fax or from a trusted source (i.e., USPS), attach documentation to this form. Only Part A, Item 1A and Part B shall be completed. If the request was received by telephone, complete applicable blocks necessary to document the change(s) and enter the requestor's name in Item 8A. Requestor's signature is not required. (The only time the customer is required to sign item 8B is when they are physically at a Service Center and providing FSA with applicable information.)				
8A. Name of Customer Requesting Change		8B. Signature		8C. Date of Record Change (MM-DD-YYYY)
<b>PART B - SERVICE CENTER ACTION</b>				
9A. Agency Who Received Request: (Check one below): <input type="checkbox"/> FSA <input type="checkbox"/> NRCS <input type="checkbox"/> RD		9B. Initials of Employee Receiving Request (If Different than Item 12A)		9C. Date Service Center Employee Received the Request (MM-DD-YYYY)
10. How the Request for Change was Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Office Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> USPS <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):				
11. Remarks if Applicable:				
12A. Signature of Employee Updating SCIMS if not initialed in Item 9B.			12B. Date Service Center Employee Updating SCIMS (MM-DD-YYYY)	
<b>FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR/AREA CONSERVATIONIST USE ONLY.</b>				
13A. I concur/do not concur the above items have been properly updated. <input type="checkbox"/> Concur <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Concur				
13B. Name of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check			13C. Signature of District Director/Area Conservationist for Spot Check	
13D. Title			13E. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	

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Note: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is OMB Circular A-123, the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982, and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The information will be used to document a request for critical producer data changes within the Service Center Information Management System (SCIMS). The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to request changes within SCIMS.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0265. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**