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FSA Acreage Reporting Deadlines Draw Near

(TUALATIN, OR) May 24, 2011 – As Oregon's producers head into some warmer and dryer weather, Lynn Voigt, State Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Oregon reminds farmers and ranchers of the importance of timely filing a complete and accurate acreage report with the Agency.

"Acreage reports are a vital component of FSA program participation," Voigt said. "All program participants are required to file an acreage report describing the crops planted, and prevented from being planted, in the 2011 crop year. Given the cool and damp spring we've experienced, the prevented planting aspect of acreage reporting is especially important this year."

Because of the diversity of Oregon's agricultural crops, acreage reporting deadlines vary across the State. For the farm and ranch calendar, here's a schedule of the 2011 FSA acreage reporting deadlines coming up in Oregon:

- **June 30, 2011** – Acreage reporting deadline for all Counties in Oregon, except Union, Baker, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, and Wallowa.
- **July 15, 2011** – Acreage reporting deadline in Union County.
- **August 15, 2011** – Acreage reporting deadline in Baker, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, and Wallowa Counties.

With this reminder, Voigt also advised that Oregon's FSA County Offices will be limiting the mailing of appointment cards and maps for acreage reporting purposes. "We are all very aware of the need for organizations to conserve resources and make wise choices in the way they are used. As Federal Agency, we must do our part as well. Limiting the mailing of appointment cards and pre-decision maps is one way we can contribute," he said.

Because the mailing of appointment cards and maps will be limited, Voigt urged producers not to wait for an appointment notification from FSA. "It is extremely important that producers initiate contact with their local FSA County Office for a crop reporting appointment on their own," Voigt said. "Please do this as soon as possible, and don't wait for something from FSA to set up an appointment to file a 2011 acreage report. Oregon producers know the importance of acreage reporting, and don't need to rely on FSA to initiate the required reporting process each year."

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Hardcopy maps will be provided to producers at the time they file their acreage reports. Producers interested in obtaining digital map copies in advance of acreage report filing should provide their e-mail address, or a new unopened media (flash drive or CD), to their local FSA County Office as soon as possible. FSA will be able to e-mail or download the digital the digital maps for producers this way. In the same manner, digital maps can also be provided to producers on new unopened media at the time they actually file their acreage reports.

For more information about the acreage reporting process or programs administered by FSA, please contact your local FSA County Office, or visit the Oregon State FSA website at: www.fsa.usda.gov/or.

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