



“SCOOP”

ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

May 2012

PROGRAM DEADLINES

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<u>Final</u> date to inform FSA of crop losses	Before Crop Disposition
<u>Final</u> date to file prevented planted acreage/credit for Corn	May 10, 2012
<u>2012 NAP Acreage Reporting Date for:</u> Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Lettuce, Potatoes, Tomatoes	May 15, 2012
<u>Final</u> Date to report 2012 wheat and oats planted acreage	May 15, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to file prevented planted acreage/credit for Grain Sorghum	May 30, 2012
Final Marketing Assistance Loan Availability Dates Rice, Upland Cotton, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Soybeans	May 31, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to file a 2012 ACRE Election <u>Final</u> date to have all signatures on an ACRE Election <u>Final</u> date to file a 2012 DCP and/or ACRE (yearly) enrollment <u>Final</u> date to return signatures for producers sharing in the DCP and/or ACRE contract <u>Final</u> date to file a successor-in-interest DCP or ACRE contract if the change occurred by June 1, 2012	June 1, 2012
The date FSA uses to look at the structure of farming operations to calculate direct attributions	June 1, 2012
<u>Final</u> date for Sign-up for 2010 Losses for the SURE Program	June 1, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to file prevented planted acreage/credit for Upland Cotton for Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, St. Francis, White, and Woodruff Counties	June 4, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to file prevented planted acreage/credit for Rice	June 9, 2012

<u>Final</u> date to file prevented planted acreage/credit for Upland Cotton for Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Clark, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke, Miller, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie, and Pulaski Counties	June 9, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to file prevented planted acreage/credit for Peanuts	June 9, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to file prevented planted acreage/credit for Soybeans Not Following Another Crop (NFAC)	June 30, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to file prevented planted acreage/credit for Soybeans Following Another Crop (FAC)	July 10, 2012
<u>2012 NAP Acreage Reporting Date for:</u> Beans - All Varieties, Corn, Sweet Corn, Cotton, Cantaloupes, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Grain Sorghum, Okra, Onions – All Varieties, Peanuts, Peas – All Varieties, Peppers – All Varieties, Pumpkins – All Varieties, Rice, Squash, Watermelons, Soybeans, Sunflowers, Sweet Potatoes	July 15, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to Report 2012 Spring Seeded Crops	July 15, 2012
<u>Last</u> date to request a 2012 reconstitution on a DCP or ACRE farm	August 1, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to prioritize crop to receive ACRE Payments	
<u>Final</u> date to file a 2012 successor-in-interest DCP or ACRE contract if the change occurred after June 1, 2012	September 30, 2012
<u>Final</u> date to return signatures for producers who share in a DCP and/or ACRE contract that had a 2012 successor-in-interest contract filed after June 1, 2012	
New!!! <u>Final</u> date to report <u>2013</u> planted and prevented planted wheat and oats	December 15, 2012

ACREAGE REPORTS

May 15, 2012, is the final acreage-reporting deadline for wheat and oats. Producers shall also report spring seeded crops as soon as planting is completed, **no later than July 15, 2012**. Many FSA programs require all cropland on a farm be reported, including idled acreage, in order to earn FSA benefits.

FAILED ACREAGE PROVISIONS

Producers should report failed crop acres to their local FSA Office when the crop failed due to disaster related conditions. **To be timely filed, acreage reports for failed acreage shall be filed before the crop is destroyed.** County Committee review and action is required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

PREVENTED PLANTED PROVISIONS

Producers should report prevented planted acreage to their local FSA Office when the crop acreage is not planted due to disaster-related conditions.

- **To be considered timely filed, prevented planted acres should be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date established by Federal Crop Insurance.**
- Final planting dates are provided in this SCOOP titled “Program Deadlines.”

30 DAY NOTICE Remains For: **2012 DCP, and ACRE,** **And 2010 SURE SIGNUPS**

There are approximately only 30 days left before the June 1, 2012 deadline to enroll in the 2012 DCP and ACRE Programs and the 2010 SURE Program.

Help FSA help you. Avoid long lines, and delays, make your appointment now.

You are reminded, for the DCP and ACRE Programs supporting documents such as the:

- CCC-902,
- Farm Operating Plan,
- AD-1026,
- Conservation Compliance Plan,
- and CCC-931 Adjusted Gross Income Form

can be submitted after June 1.

PLANTING FLEXIBILITY

Any commodity may be planted on the following:

- any land, including base acres, on a farm NOT enrolled in a DCP contract
 - non base acres of a farm enrolled in a DCP contract
 - base acres of a farm enrolled in a DCP contract, except for fruits, vegetables and wild rice
- Check with your local office to see if you or the farm qualifies for allowable exceptions.

PLANTING OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (FAV's) OR WILD RICE

If you or your farm qualifies to have FAV's or wild rice planted, you are reminded to check with your local FSA office to determine the number of acres that are eligible on your farm to be planted to FAV's or wild rice. We often find that producers are not advising FSA of changes in available land such as a sale of land until after the FAV's or wild rice has been planted, and or harvested. Unfortunately, some produces have had large penalties enforced for planting to many acres of FAV's or wild rice. **Do not let this happen to you.**

ARKANSAS STATE PLANT BOARD NEWS **BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM**

Starting with the 2012 crop season the Boll Weevil Eradication Program procedures for gathering field information and billing will change. In past years, Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel visited each producer to verify acreage, and to have the producer verify the acreage. This information was used to generate invoices for the growing season. This year that process will not take place.

The new Boll Weevil Eradication Program procedure is:

- **Producers will certify their acres with FSA by the deadline set by FSA.**

After the deadline, FSA will send the field information to the Arkansas State Plant Board, and we will use that information to generate invoices. This will eliminate any discrepancies between Boll Weevil Eradication data and FSA data. It will also eliminate the need to verify acres by the June 15th deadline used in the last few years. This should be a simpler system that will eliminate any inconveniences, and provide an efficient invoicing procedure.

All we ask is that all cotton producers certify their acreage with FSA by the deadline. If you have any questions, contact Mark Stoll at (501) 225-1598.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

General Signup 43 ended on April 13, 2012. There was a greater than expected number of offers.

Currently, the offers are being evaluated, and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) for environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP.

- The EBI consists of five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits), and a cost factor.

Decisions on the EBI cutoff are being made, and after analyzing the EBI data of all the offers, the Secretary of Agriculture will announce the offers that have been accepted. That announcement will be coming in the next few weeks.

CRP's continuous sign-up program will be ongoing.

- Continuous acres represent the most environmentally desirable and sensitive land.
- **For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crp or your local Farm Service Agency**

To learn about other programs offered through FSA, visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

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