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ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE DECEMBER 2012

2013 WHEAT AND OATS TO BE CERTIFIED BY DECEMBER 15, 2012

All 2013 Wheat and Oats planted, and prevented planted acreages must be reported to FSA by December 15, 2012, whether insured with RMA or not. This is a new deadline beginning in 2013. The deadline change is designed to help improve services, and eliminate confusion among producers, by providing one reporting deadline for FSA and RMA. Other deadlines have been changed as well, and are noted below:

ACERAGE REPORTING

Crop Year (Harvested Year)	Crop	Reporting Date
<i>(new) 2013</i>	Wheat and Oats	December 15, 2012
<i>(new) 2013</i>	Apples, Grapes, Peaches	January 15, 2013
<i>(new) 2013</i>	Corn, Upland Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Peanuts, Rice, Soybeans and other Spring Seeded Crops	July 15, 2013

2013 WHEAT AND OATS PREVENTED PLANTED PROVISIONS

It is vital for producers to 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 date for wheat and oats is **November 30, 2012**, so the final date to report prevented planted wheat and oats is **December 15, 2012**. County Committee review and action are required to receive credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

2013 FAILED ACREAGE PROVISIONS

It is necessary for producers to report failed crop acres to their local FSA Office when the crop failed due to disaster related conditions. **To be timely filed the failed acreage shall be reported to FSA before the crop is destroyed.** County Committee review, and action is required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules, and regulations. The County Committee may require the office to conduct a field visit for crop residue and verification.

SIGN-UP HAS BEGUN
2011 SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (SURE) PROGRAM

Producers who suffered crop losses for 2011 may begin applying for disaster assistance at FSA County Offices through the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. Signup began October 22, 2012, and will end on June 7, 2013. The SURE program will help provide financial assistance to producers who have suffered crop losses due to a natural disaster. The SURE Program has many components. *One of the most important aspects of the program is all land the producer farms nationwide is used to determine if a payment can be earned. This land is identified as a producer's "farm."* To qualify for a payment:

1. A producer must have insured all crops, that he/she farms nationwide, that are of economic significance with a plan of insurance with Federal Crop Insurance or with FSA's Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). This requirement is known as the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR). Producers who are considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.
2. *The eligible loss must have been incurred by September 30, 2011.* Because crop cycles and crop years do not correspond with the September 30, 2011 cutoff, and the SURE Program does not cover independent crop losses, *SURE calculates revenue losses from all crops on all farms in all counties*, the 2011 Program will cover revenue losses if:
 - the producer certifies that at least one crop of economic significance had a 10% loss **on or before September 30, 2011** because of an eligible natural disaster condition for that crop year
 - at least a portion of the land farmed, is in an approved secretarial disaster declaration county or producer can certify to an overall loss greater than or equal to 50 percent of normal production. (For 2011, all counties in Arkansas are covered under a Secretarial Disaster Declaration.)
 - the insurance coverage period for the crop whether RMA or NAP began on or before September 30, 2011
 - the final planting date for the crop occurred on or before September 30, 2011.

Once the criteria above are met, then the program can cover quality and economic losses. The SURE program provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and the total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance, and NAP coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities, and certain farm program payments. The application process is unique for the SURE Program given that an application must account for all land in all counties farmed by the producer. Producer's who have farming interests in more than one county will ultimately sign their application in the county FSA has noted as their payment limitation control county. However, before signing the application, all land from all counties must be processed by each respective administrative county, or by the control county.

A producer should call their FSA County Office to start the process. Many items that are needed for the program are already a matter of record with FSA, however, they will need to be verified with the County Office(s). Some of the information that FSA will NOT have includes, but is not limited to:

- production evidence if not already a record with RMA or FSA
- Value of settlements obtained from Federal Crop Insurance or FSA
- AD-1026, CCC-902, CCC-931 if there was no other program participation for 2011.

2011 SURE SIGNUP continued:

Producers should bring this information with them to the County Office to speed up the application process. Due to the many components of the SURE Program, it will take a considerable amount of time to process the application.

PROGRAM DEADLINES

Final date to report 2013 wheat and oats planted and prevented planted acreage	December 15, 2012
Final date to inform FSA of 2013 crop losses	Before Crop Disposition
Final date to report 2013 Apples, Grapes, Peaches crops	January 15, 2013
Final date to report 2013 planted Corn, Upland Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Peanuts, Rice, Soybeans and other Spring Seeded Crops	July 15, 2013
Final Date for Sign-up for 2011 Losses for the SURE Program	June 7, 2013

NAP DEADLINES

(Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program)

2013 NAP APPLICATION CLOSING DATES	
CROP	CLOSING DATE
Honey	12/01/2012
Broccoli, Cabbage (Spring and Fall Plantings) Carrots, Greens (Spring and Fall Plantings), Onions, Pecans (Native & Improved) Potatoes (Spring and Fall Plantings)	01/01/2013

2013 NAP ACREAGE REPORTING DATES

CROP	REPORTING DATE
Wheat or Oats, for grain	12/15/2012
Strawberries	12/15/2012
Fescue (Red), Fescue (Tall), Orchardgrass, Annual Rye, Mixed Forage (cool season grasses), FOR GRAZING	12/15/2012
Small Grains, (grass/small grain interseeded (SSG), and 2 or more interseeded small grains (MSG)) FOR GRAZING * <u>Small grain forage</u> is a stand of pure wheat, barley, oats, triticale, or rye intended for forage for animal consumption.	12/15/2012
Wheat, Barley, Oats and Rye (fall plantings) - FOR FORAGE OR GRAZING	12/15/2012
Honey	01/01/2013
Apples, Asparagus, Blueberries, Caneberries (blackberries and raspberries), Figs, Grapes (all varieties), Peaches, and Pears.	01/15/2013

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