

The 2008 Farm Bill maintains the requirement for producers participating in FSA programs to report and certify acreage for all crops planted to maintain eligibility for these programs. All crops planted includes crops on both cropland and non-cropland acreage.

All hayed and grazed land on non-cropland is now required to be reported. Accurate reporting of all land you have an interest in is necessary.

Acreage report and certification deadlines in Nebraska are as follows:

- Small Grains–June 30, 2010
- NAP Covered Crops – NAP crops that are disaster affected prior to July 15, 2010 must be reported prior to completing a Notice of Loss, CCC-576. The Notice of Loss must be filed within 15 days of the disaster or 15 days after the loss becomes apparent. NAP crops not affected by a disaster prior to July 15 must be reported by July 15, 2010.

- Prevented Planted Acreage – No later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date for the crop.

- All other crops including CRP – July 15, 2010

All crops must be certified by the applicable producer before the farm will be eligible for other program participation.

Crops that are planted as a cover crop are required to be reported. Cover crops that are destroyed prior to harvest should be reported with an intended use of Green Manure or Left Standing.

Cover crops that are hayed or grazed should be reported with the corresponding intended use.

Reporting the cover crop as the initial crop will not affect a producer's eligibility for the SURE program.

Our State Office is working with the national office for the possible effects on the ACRE program.

Producers must recognize the importance of reporting accurate share to both RMA and FSA. If RMA and FSA shares do not match, application and payments for programs such as SURE cannot be processed until the share differences are rectified.

Failed acreage must be reported to FSA prior to disposition of the crop. This is important due to the storms we have been having this month.

Appointment cards are being mailed, so if you don't receive a card by June 18, please call the office. Also if you can't make your appointment, call 352-4747 and reschedule.

CRP cover maintenance is the participant's responsibility and must be done according to the conservation plan. All CRP maintenance activity, such as mowing, burning and spraying, must be conducted outside the primary nesting season for wildlife and in accordance with the conservation plan.

Spot treatment for noxious and other types of weeds may be allowed during the primary nesting season if certain criteria are met. The ending date for the primary nesting season in Nebraska is July 15.

Please check your CRP for noxious weeds and after spraying them, please bring your invoices into the office to keep your files current.

The office will soon be conducting their spring spot-check of randomly chosen CRP contracts, so if you find your noxious weeds and spray them, provide an invoice to the office prior to our

visit, it could keep your contract in compliance. CRP = Conservation Reserve Program