Important fall dates ahead

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New Fall Reporting Deadline

There is a new reporting deadline for fall seeded crops and forage. In order to better align our reporting dates with the Risk Management Agency (RMA), FSA has moved our fall seeded and forage reporting deadline to Nov. 15.

Once you are done planting, please give our office a call to set up an appointment to certify your wheat, oats, alfalfa, and pasture by Nov. 15. If there are any changes to your farming operation, please notify the office as soon as possible so we can make those changes prior to certification.

CRP Haying/Grazing Updates

Emergency grazing of approved CRP practices has been extended to Nov. 30. Producers are reminded that all other emergency grazing provisions apply which include maintaining minimum grazing height restrictions according to the revised conservation plan.

Livestock must be removed the earlier of when that minimum height is reached or Nov. 30.

If you are unsure if your CRP practice meets the qualifications for the extension, please contact the FSA or NRCS office.

Producers are reminded that they have until Oct. 1, to report the actual acres hayed or grazed under emergency and managed provisions. Y

ou are required to report the tonnage of hay, or the number of cattle that grazed the CRP. On hayed CRP, all bales must also be removed by Oct. 15. The CRP payment reduction can either be paid at that time of reporting or you can elect that your CRP payment be offset.

Annual Payments

Sept. 30 marks the end of the fiscal year for FSA and October is the month when payments are issued.

If we have received all the necessary eligibility paperwork that is required, producers can expect to see their final 2012 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) direct payments and annual CRP rental payments by mid October.

If you have direct deposit and have made any changes in bank accounts since payments last year, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our system before your

payment is processed in next few weeks.