

### Crop Reporting Deadline Reminder

(Falls City, NE) – July 9, 2015 - Richardson County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Shawna Mitchell reminds producers of the July 15, 2015 acreage reporting deadline for spring seeded crops and CRP.

"In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements and avoid late file fees, all producers are encouraged to visit the Richardson County FSA office to file an accurate, timely crop certification report," said Mitchell.

The following acreage reporting dates apply for producers in Richardson County:

July 15, 2015: Spring seeded crops, CRP, and all other crops for the 2015 crop year

November 16, 2015: Fall seeded crops and perennial forage for the 2016 crop year

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- \* If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- \* If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- \* If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed" then the acreage must be reported by July 15.

According to Mitchell, filing timely acreage certifications with FSA establishes eligibility for programs including: Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL), Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) & Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and others.

If a weather related event has caused the inability to plant an intended crop or has caused a planted crop to fail, it is important to report these claims to both FSA and your crop insurance provider timely.

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