

### Deadline Approaches For Fall Crop Reporting

(USDA)-- Producers have until Monday, November 16, 2015, to report fall seeded crops and perennial forage crops such as wheat and grass to their local FSA office for the 2016 crop year. Perennial forage includes all grasses, alfalfa, clover and mixed-forage intended for hay or grazing as well as acreage insured through the Risk Management Agency's Pasture, Rangeland, Forage insurance.

The 2014 Farm Bill requires acreage reporting for several programs that are available to farmers and ranchers. Failure to report all cropland acreage by the deadline can result in a loss of program benefits.

To comply with program provisions, acreage reports must be filed to maintain eligibility for the following programs: Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and the Livestock Forage Program (LFP). This includes crops on non-cropland such as hayed or grazed grasslands and land that will be fallow for the year.

If a crop was not planted by the applicable reporting date, the acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after planting is complete.

Farmers who have not certified their fall seeded crops or perennial forage crops should contact the county office immediately to make an appointment prior to the deadline. To report acres, producers must provide crop type, intended use, practice, shares and planting dates for each field.

For more information on acreage reporting or to schedule an appointment, contact your County FSA office.

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