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Sussex County FSA Updates

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8:00am - 4:30pm

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Remember to Report 2016 Crops

All producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office to file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Delaware counties:

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| May 15, 2016: | Green Peas, Potatoes |
| July 15, 2016: | Lima beans, Cucumbers (planted 4/20-6/25)
CRP, Corn, Soybeans, and other spring-seeded crops |
| August 15, 2016: | Beans (all types except Limas – planted 4/20-8/10), Cucumbers (Planted 6/26-8/10) |

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, 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.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of

Harry Hudson the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Loan Officers:

Colleen Reed To be eligible for FSA program benefits, all participants must file a crop acreage report with FSA. Filing an acreage report with a crop insurance agent will not ensure your FSA program eligibility.

Caitlin Sheffer

Next County Committee Meeting:

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the [Sussex County Office](#) at (302) 856-3990 ext. 2

May 12, 2016, 8:30AM

Fruit and Vegetable Planting Rules for ARC/PLC

Producers who participate in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs are subject to an acre-for-acre payment reduction when fruits and nuts, or vegetables are planted on the payment acres of a farm. Planting fruits or vegetables on acres that are not considered payment acres will not result in a payment reduction. Farms that are eligible to participate in ARC/PLC but are not enrolled for a particular year may plant unlimited fruits and vegetables for that year but will not receive ARC/PLC payments for that year. Eligibility for succeeding years is not affected.

Contact your county office for assistance with determining payment acres on a particular farm.

Fruits or vegetables that are double-cropped with a program crop will not cause a payment reduction provided both crops can be planted and carried to maturity within the crop year under normal growing conditions..

Beginning Farmer Loans

FSA assists beginning farmers to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size farm.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

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