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News Release

Acreage Reporting Dates for 2014

(Des Moines, Ia) – **November 22, 2013** – Iowa USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director John R. Whitaker announced that producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits. Please pay close attention to the acreage reporting dates below, as some dates have changed for 2014.

"In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the their local FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline," said SED Whitaker.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Iowa:

December 15, 2013: Fall seeded small grains & perennial forage

July 15, 2014: All other crops

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above 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 above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendars days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

According to Whitaker, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact your local FSA office.

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Interested farmers may contact their local County FSA office for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Information can also be found on-line at www.fsa.usda.gov