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Final Acreage Reporting Dates Quickly Approaching

COLUMBUS, June 15, 2011 -- The State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA), Steve Maurer, reminds producers of the acreage reporting requirements that must be met prior to receiving program benefits. If producers miss the acreage reporting deadline dates, a late filing fee will be charged.

Maurer added, "Producers are required to file an FSA-578, *Report of Acreage*, certification for the farm by **June 30 for small grains** and by **July 15 for all other crops except small grains.**" To be considered timely, acreage reports on crops are due in the county office by June 30 for small grains and July 15 for all other crops, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

It is also very important that producers report crop losses, including those insured under Federal Crop Insurance (FCIC) and Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) within 15 days of the date damage occurred or 15 days from the date damage is apparent. Losses and or damages to crops must be reported after each disaster occurrence and in a timely manner to insure continued eligibility for benefits.

Producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA county office to file the required FSA-578 certification report before the deadline dates expire. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

NOTE: FSA Program Reminder:

FSA has extended the deadline to submit the 2010 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) production reports for planted acres from **July 15** to **September 1, 2011.** Producers now have until September 1 to report the 2010 production for small grains and other crops. Producers who do not file a production report for a farm enrolled in ACRE will become ineligible for any ACRE contract payments.