USDA Reminds Virginia Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports

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RICHMOND, VA, June 16, 2021 – Agricultural producers in Virginia who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after planting should make an appointment with their U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) office before the applicable deadline.

"Many USDA programs require producers to file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said
R. Kevin Bohon, Acting State Executive Director in Virginia. "Our FSA staff can assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps."

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits.

How to File a Report

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable in Virginia:

July 15, 2021   Beans (Planted 5/26-7/10), Tomatoes (Planted 5/16-7/5),
                            All Tomatoes, Perennial Forages, all other crops without a determined date

August 15, 2021   Cabbage (Planted 4/16-7/10)

September 15, 2021   Beans (Planted 7/15-9/5)

Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors. Contact your Service Center to set up an in-person or phone appointment.

To file a crop acreage report, you will need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety.

- Intended use of the crop.

- Number of acres of the crop.

- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.

- Planting date(s).

- Planting pattern, when applicable.

- Producer shares.

- Irrigation practice(s).

- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable.

- Other information as required.

Acreage Reporting Details

The following exceptions apply to 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.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to plant. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

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.

More Information

For questions, please contact your local FSA office. To locate your local FSA office visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

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