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Your Local County FSA office would like to keep you informed of the following items. If you have any questions please contact the Dawes/N Sioux County Office in Chadron 432-4616 ext. 2, the Sheridan County Office in Rushville 327-2489 ext. 2, or the Box Butte County Office in Alliance 762-4322 ext. 2

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- v March 12 – April 13, 2012 – GENERAL CRP SIGN-UP
v April 12, 2012 – County Committee Meeting 1:00 pm at County Office
v April 15, 2012 – deadline to certify pasture acres
v June 1, 2012 – deadline to apply for 2010 SURE benefits
v June 1, 2012 – deadline to enroll in 2012 DCP/ACRE

CRP MAINTENANCE & WEED CONTROL REMINDER

Producers, who entered into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), agree to control weeds, insects and rodents. If the County Office Committee (COC) determines a producer has not made a good faith effort to control undesirables, the contract can be terminated. In the event a CRP contract is terminated, the producer would be required to refund all annual payments, all cost share payments, plus interest and liquidated damages.

The COC may consider a producer out of compliance with the terms and conditions of the CRP contract for:

- Allowing noxious weeds to spread or go to seed as determined by the COC
 Allowing any weeds to adversely affect the CRP cover or surrounding land as determined by the COC

- The COC is notified by the County Weed and Pest Board or County Weed Supervisor that you are in violation of the State Noxious Weed Law
- Other types of weeds are not controlled to the extent that they threaten the grass cover that was established in accordance with your CRP Conservation Plan
- Non-control of insects and rodents to the same extent as carried out by other producers in the area
- Violation of any pest or insect ordinance enacted by the County Weed and Pest Board.

Producers that enter into a CRP contract also agreed not to disturb the cover during the primary nesting season (May 1 through Aug. 1). **Mechanical or chemical spot treatment of weeds, insects, or rodents during the primary nesting season can be allowed if written approval is obtained from the COC.**

Beehives may be allowed on CRP as long as the producer requests and receives permission from the COC prior to the hives being placed on the CRP.

Farm Service Agency Announces a General Signup Period Extension for the Conservation Reserve Program

LINCOLN, NE April 4, 2012 — Dan Steinkruger, State Executive Director for the Nebraska Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup has been extended through April 13, 2012.

Landowners enrolled in the CRP program receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP can be offered during sign-up if all eligibility requirements are met. CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers during the signup period. Contracts awarded during this general signup will become effective

October 1, 2012.

All CRP offers are evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that indicates the environmental benefits of enrolling land in CRP. There are five environmental factors that make up the EBI: wildlife, water, soil, air, enduring benefits and cost. Decisions will be made following the end of the sign-up period and after analyzing EBI data on all of the offers.

In addition to the general sign-up, the continuous CRP sign-up program will be ongoing.

For more information, please contact your local FSA Office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.