In order to meet Farm Service Agency program eligibility requirements, USDA state executive director Leland Swenson reminds producers to submit their annual report of acreage to their local FSA county office by July 15.

"Producers must file their reports accurately and timely for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage, to ensure they receive the maximum FSA program benefits possible," said Swenson.

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for all USDA Farm Service Agencies programs.

Acreage reports are considered "timely filed" when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Prevented acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Failed acreage must be reported before the disposition of the crop. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines.

Late-filed provisions may be available for producers who are unable to meet the reporting deadline as required. Reports filed after the established deadline must meet certain requirements to be accepted, and producers may be charged late fees.

Producers should visit their county FSA office to complete acreage reporting. For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office. More information on FSA programs is at <a href="www.fsa.usda.gov.">www.fsa.usda.gov.</a>

## FSA annual acreage report due July 15

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

The Holyoke Enterprise July 4, 2013