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SUBJECT: Request for Extension of Deadline for 2017 Fall Seeded Crops
Your memorandum of October 30

This responds to your request to extend the crop reporting deadline for fall seeded crops.

We appreciate and understand your concern that County Offices are experiencing heavy workload with the late-filing of acreage reports for fall seeded crops, MAL's and LDP's; however, FSA has not extended any acreage reporting deadlines due to our ACRSI initiative with RMA.

For ACRSI to work, FSA and RMA's acreage reporting deadlines (ARD's) must remain consistent. County offices should reach out to their producers and encourage them to report.

In situations such as these when a producer cannot timely file an acreage report, county offices should follow policy in 1-CM for utilizing registers. The FSA National Office believes the register defined in 1-CM is an important tool to document producers who attempted to timely file an acreage report by the deadline. Creating the register provides the county office with the ability to follow up with the producer by scheduling an appointment to take their acreage report. In addition, producers on a register are not subject to late-filed procedures.

Also, your request to establish July 15, as the final ARD for non-NAP and non-PRF perennial grass crops is disapproved. Acreage reports are not program specific. Common ARD's were established between RMA and FSA to accommodate all crops for both agencies. We believe exceptions to the common ARD's established would cause confusion and potentially lead to more late-filing of acreage reports.