FSA announces small grain acreage certification deadline is April 15

Natchitoches, Sabine and Winn parish farmers who planted acreage of small grains such as wheat or oats for harvest in 2007 are encouraged to file an acreage report with the Natchitoches-Sabine-Winn Parish Farm Service Agency Office by Monday, April 16.

Since the deadline date of April 15 falls on a Sunday, producers will have until Monday, April 16 to file their reports.

Dale Ford, county executive director for the Natchitoches-Sabine-Winn Parish Farm Service Agency (FSA), said that producers are not required to report planted acreage to the Farm Service Agency unless they will participate in the Commodity Loan Program or the Loan Deficiency Payment Program. Producers participating in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) Program must certify planted acreage of small grains to FSA by the established small grain reporting deadline of April 15 (extended to Monday, April 16).

The Natchitoches-Sabine-Winn Parish FSA Office encourages crop acreage certification and will accept acreage reports from all producers who wish to report crop acreage for any purpose. After the April 15 deadline to certify small grain acreage, if a producer decides he wants to use the loan program or if

a Loan Deficiency Payment is applicable, evidence of the crop acreage must exist at the producer must pay for field visit to verify acreage.

Any Natchitoches, Sabine or Winn Parish farmer having questions or needing additional information regarding crop acreage reporting requirements should contact the Natchitoches-Sabine-Winn Parish FSA Office at 352-7102.

Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
Public Meeting

There will be a public meeting to solicit public comments on coordinating transit services in the following ten parish region:

Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, and Webster.

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Shreve Memorial Library,
Hamilton-South Caddo branch
2111 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop,
Shreveport, Louisiana

For more information, please contact the office of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments by phone (318) 841-5950 or by email nlcg@nlcg.org.