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## **KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS340-12-5**

### **SUBJECT: SPA–Food Security Act Compliance Reviews**

**Action required by field offices (FOs):** November 2, 2012  
November 16, 2012

**Purpose.** To inform FOs of Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Food Security Act (FSA) compliance reviews to be completed

**Expiration Date.** September 30, 2013

Compliance reviews are conducted to ensure that farms receiving commodity payments are implementing and/or maintaining conservation practices. Status reviews are conducted on highly erodible (HEL) and wetlands (WET) designated farm tracts.

The status reviews will require an inspection of the tracts to identify if conservation systems have been implemented, and if they are being maintained, currently being implemented, no longer needed due to a change in the land use, or not participating in those U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) benefit programs that fall under the provisions of 16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.

**Compliance reviews must be completed by November 2, 2012, and data must be entered in the database by November 16, 2012.**

The FSA compliance review database is accessible from the Web site <https://my.nrcs.usda.gov/emptools.aspx> under the “Field Tools” tab and will be utilized to track and record compliance reviews.

**NOTE:** Ensure that “replacement” tracts are done correctly. The replacement tract number must be entered into the correct box of the tract it is replacing. A user manual is available under the “Help” tab of the database.

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A spreadsheet containing the five percent farm loan recipients was emailed to the assistant state conservationists for field operations (ASTCs-FO) by the state office Programs Staff March 1, 2012, for distribution to the appropriate FOs. Enter only one tract for a loan recipient **IF** the tract has either HEL or WET conditions on cropland, otherwise, all tracts will be entered. Do not add another loan recipient if any names provided do not have valid tracts.

**Contact:** Forward questions and feedback through established channels to Gaye L. Benfer, ASTC for Programs, at [gaye.benfer@ks.usda.gov](mailto:gaye.benfer@ks.usda.gov) or call (785) 823-4569.

*(Signed)*

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