FSA-578 Guideline





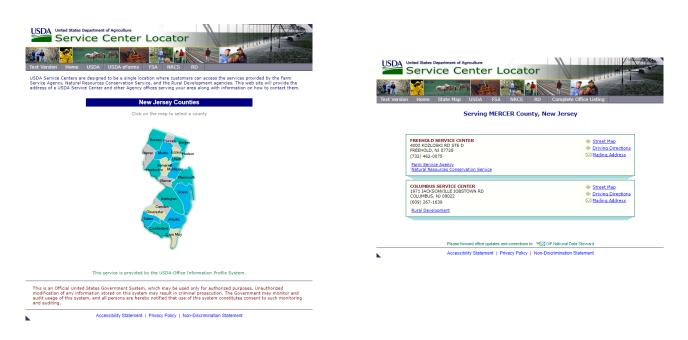
Instructions on Reporting and Understanding the FSA-578 Form

The USDA requires that all Hemp growers report hemp production to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) via a FSA-578 form. It is a requirement for both the USDA and NJDA to submit their FSA-578 form within 10 days of planting. This guide will help you understand how to fill out the form and how to report to both agencies. Failure to report to your local FSA office may result in destruction of unregistered crops. This form is essential for growing registered hemp plants for compliance purposes.

1. Register locations with your local FSA office.

• To register your growing location with FSA, you will first need to contact your local FSA office to set up your account. The link provided shows an interactive map of New Jersey with each county. Click on your county to begin the process:

 $\underline{https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyMap&state=NJ&stateName=New%20Jersey&stateCode=34$



- Once you locate your local FSA office, staff will require the following to register your growing location:
 - Hemp License # (ex: 34_00000)
 - Planting address
 - Geospatial locations of outdoor and/or indoor grow
 - Acreage or sq ft of each location listed. (**Perimeter of growing location**)

** It is highly recommended that you call your FSA office to help guide you through the process.

• Once staff have helped you register, the FSA office will provide you with a map indicating: **Farm Number, Tract Number, Field Number and Field Acreage.** (*Fig. 1 represents the previously stated information.*)

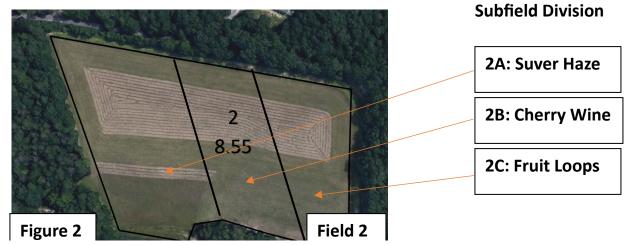






2. Report growing location with your local FSA Office.

** Before filling out your FSA-578 Form, you will need to subdivide your field if you plan on growing multiple varieties or grow multiple times within a given year. Refer to **Fig. 2** for example map.



Subfields are used when you plant more than one variety in a single field. You would draw out each subfield and reference each variety that is growing in them. You will need to resubmit if you plant more that once within a year. Each subfield identifier is unique to that grow, so you cannot repeat subfield identifiers in reporting documents. The individual is responsible for designating subfields

• Within **10 days of planting** your hemp crop, you will need to submit your FSA-578 form to your local FSA office. This form is due for every new "Lot" that is planted. A "Lot" is defined as contiguous area in a field, sub-field, tract, greenhouse, or indoor growing site containing the same variety or strain of hemp throughout the area.





- 578 Forms can be located at the following:

 https://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eFormsAdmin/FSA0578MANUAL_031015V01.pdf
- Referencing your registered FSA map, you will need to extract the following:
 - Farm, Tract, and Field Number (subfield if applicable)
 - Variety
 - Date of planting
 - Acreage
 - Intended use.

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• Once you have submitted your FSA-578 report, you will receive a receipt of service, which you will need to have on file for reporting purposes. In the NJDA Planting report, you will need to reference your FSA Lot # in order to submit a valid report.

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