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WASHINGTON — With next Tuesday's tax deadline fast approaching for many farmers and fishermen, the Internal Revenue Service is reminding these and other individual filers that the new IRS Direct Pay tool offers taxpayers the fastest and easiest way to pay the taxes they owe.

Available at IRS.gov/directpay, this free online tool allows individuals to securely pay their income tax directly from checking or savings accounts without any fees or preregistration. Last year, IRS <u>Direct Pay</u> received more than \$6.3 million tax payments totaling more than \$20 billion from individual taxpayers.

Direct Pay offers individual taxpayers an easy way to quickly pay the amount due on their return or tax bill, or make quarterly estimated tax payments without having to write a check, buy a stamp or find a mailbox. Payments can even be scheduled up to 30 days in

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Direct Pay is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Any taxpayer who uses the tool receives instant confirmation that their payment was submitted. More information about Direct Pay is available on IRS.gov.

Direct Pay cannot be used to pay the federal highway use tax, payroll taxes or other business taxes. Taxpayers who wish to e-pay their federal business taxes should enroll in the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), or click on the Pay Your Tax Bill icon to check out other payment options.

Farmers and fishermen who chose to forgo making quarterly estimated tax payments for 2015 generally must file their 2015 federal return and pay any tax due by Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

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