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NEWSLETTER

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

LITCHFIELD/FAIRFIELD

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DCP Signup Continues

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program continues until June 1, 2009. The June 1, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all participants. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications.

FSA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm.

Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price.

Kansas City Mails 1099-G

During the last week of January, producers who have received payments from FSA should have also received a CCC-1099-G from the Kansas City office. A CCC-1099-G is a report to the Internal Revenue Service about FSA payments made to you during the previous calendar year. The CCC01099-G is a service to help participating producers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the program participant's responsibility to report income to the IRS.

If you received a CCC-1099-G, we recommend that you check the amounts shown with those in your records to see that the amounts are correct.

If you have a question concerning the 1099-G refund information, you may contact your local FSA office for assistance locating the correct payment data. If you choose to visit the office, bring your CCC-1099-G with you.

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program

USDA Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC), compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified levels. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized MILC through September 30, 2012; commercially produce and market cow milk in the United States. Sign-up for the program began on December 22, 2008, and extends through the conclusion of the program on September 30, 2012. Eligible dairy producers can apply for program benefits anytime during sign-up.

Please contact this office for an application, if you have not already signed up.

JUST A REMINDER OF OUR EXTENSION NUMBERS:

Howard – 101, Ellen – 104, Barbara – 102, Karen – 103, Carolyn - 100

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NAP Production Reporting

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up-to-date. Records submitted must be reliable and verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. It is recommended producers submit 2008 production records as soon as possible after harvest. *All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.*

NAP Coverage Deadlines

Noninsured Crop Disaster applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and service fee **MUST** be filed by the crop deadline date. Contact your local FSA office for the filing dates for your crops. **THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR MOST ANNUALLY PLANTED CROPS IS MARCH 15, 2009.**

The service fee is \$250 per crop per county or \$750 per producer per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$1875. per producer for individuals with farming interests in multiple counties. Limited resource producers may request a waiver for service fees.

To qualify, a producer must be a landowner, tenant or sharecropper who shares in the risk of producing an eligible crop.

Women's Agricultural Business Planning Summit

What you need to know to move forward in your agribusiness! This summit is on Saturday, March 14, 2009, from 8:30 am through 3:30 pm at Maneeley's Banquet, at 65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT.

Whether you're thinking of starting a business or have been in business for years, this conference will enable you to receive detailed information on how to move to the next step in your agribusiness through the use of grants, credit options, and business planning. Have your questions answered and leave with specific information suited to your level of experience to help grow your agribusiness!

For more information regarding the agenda and registration fees, please contact Ross Eddy, USDA FSA at 860-688-7725 x2, ross.eddy@ct.usda.gov or Dawn Pindell, USDA FSA at 860-774-8397 x109, dawn.pindell@ct.usda.gov