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SURE SIGN-UP

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disaster that incurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or if crop insurance is not available, to participate in the; Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. However, crop insurance or NAP coverage is no longer required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from the risk management purchase

requirements.

The following are the conditions that trigger SURE payments.

- At least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition
- Crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the; farm
- Producers in counties declared disaster counties by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or those who show proof of an individual loss of at least 50% are eligible to receive SURE payments for crop production or crop quality losses. Losses are measured with consideration to the

whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

A SURE calculator is available at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/sure_calculator_2008.xls. The calculator is not official, but is intended for educational use. A fact sheet and backgrounder are also available online.

Farm Storage Facility Loan

Provides low-interest financing for producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. Loan terms of 7, 10, or 12 years are available. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows with from the Treasury department.

2010 DCP Sign-Ups

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and will continue through June 1, 2010. USDA urges producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up, or producers can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP contract.

USDA computes DCP Program

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 2010, eligible producers may request advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payments.



1099-G

Producers who have received payments from FSA should have received a CCC-1099-G. A CCC-1099-G is a report to the Internal Revenue Service about FSA payments made to producers during the previous calendar year. The CCC-1099-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. When the CCC-1099-G is received, it should be checked with your records to see that the amounts are correct. Refunds will no longer be reported on the 1099-G, but will be available online from the FSA Financial Inquiries (FSA-

FI) web-based database. Program participants with an eAuthentication user ID and password may access their refund information at FSA-FI and select "Inquiry Type 1099/Refund Reports." Refund amounts are displayed on the Producer's Year-to-Date Activity web page.

If you have a question concerning the 1099-G refund information, contact your local FSA office for assistance locating the correct payment data.

Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the you with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.



OBAMA Administrations Names State Committee for Connecticut

The Obama Administration announced the individuals who will serve on the Connecticut Farm Service Agency State Committee. The State Committee members will oversee the activities of the agency, including carrying out the state agricultural conservation programs, resolving appeals from the agriculture community and helping to keep informed about FSA programs. "These individuals will work with USDA to help farmers and ranchers build and maintain successful operations that produce the safe, nutritious food supply that America needs while spurring economic development in our nation's rural communities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "They bring the experience and passion necessary to help continue the Obama Administration's efforts to rebuild and revitalize rural America."

The individuals appointed to serve on this committee include:

Vincent Malerba (Chairperson)

For 34 years, Malerba has owned and operated Malerba Farms in Norwich, Connecticut, where he produces 80 acres of vegetables and bedding plants. He has served for 11 years on the New London FSA Committee and also participates in the New London County 4-H Foundation.

Nelson Cecarelli

Cecarelli manages a 140 acre vegetable farm in Northford, Connecticut. Before turning to farming full time, Cecarelli owned and operated an insurance agency specializing in the needs of farmers and agribusinesses. Cecarelli is also a current member of the New Haven/Middlesex County FSA Committee.

Gary Crump

Crump and his wife own and manage Priam Vineyards & Winery in Colchester, Connecticut. A self-taught winemaker, Crump has received international acclaim, winning 54 international

wine competition medals. Crump is also a member of the Connecticut Vineyard and Winery Association.

Theresa Freund

Freund owns Freund's Farm Market and Bakery in East Canaan, Connecticut, where she grows and harvests 700 hydroponic tomatoes as well as eight acres of vegetables and seasonal annuals and perennials. Freund also serves as a representative to the Connecticut Agricultural Education Foundation and the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association.

Stephen Jarmoc

Jarmoc, from Enfield, Connecticut, owns and operates his own farm in Enfield. In 1991, Jarmoc was named Connecticut's Most Outstanding Farmer. Jarmoc served as a Connecticut State Lawmaker from 1992 to 2007. Jarmoc has an MBA from Western New England College and a B.S. degree in Agronomy from the University of Connecticut



Adjusted Gross Income

USDA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for the tax review process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA . The agreement ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds

certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs. Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) to the Internal Revenue Service by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from local

FSA and NRCS offices or online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>.



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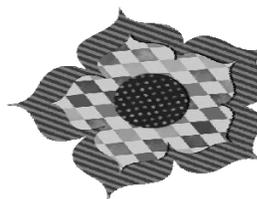
USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by the FSA. Normally the stockholder or a member of a legal entity **must** make contributions of active personal labor and/or active personal management for the

farming operation. The contributions are to be performed on regular basis, must be identifiable, and separate from the contributions of others. The exception to this rule for a stockholder or member of a legal entity only occurs if both of the following apply:

- At least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or

active personal management; and

- total direct payments received, both directly and indirectly, by the legal entity and each of the members can not



Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers loans for farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. In many cases, applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers might have suffered setbacks from natural

disasters or might be persons with limited resources.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,094,000. Emergency loans are always direct loans for farmers who may have suffered physical or production losses in disaster areas designated by a Presidential or Secretarial dis-

aster declaration. Rural Youth Loans, Loans to Beginning Farmers and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA.

For details just contact the county office staff for an appointment with a farm loan



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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 31, 2010

Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED

June 1, 2010

Final DCP Sign-up Date

June 15, 2010

Final Day to Send AGI Forms to IRS

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