



NEWSLETTER



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FSA COC Elections

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Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Arenac County Committee

Ed Stange
Ken Daniels
Kevin Noffsinger
Courtney Rolfe

Iosco County Committee

Chris Daniels
Joe Vohwinkle
Karen Curry
Laura Anschuetz

At December's meeting ballots were counted for the position of county committee member with the following results:

Elected to represent LAA #1 in Arenac County (Moffat, Clayton, Adams, and Deep River townships):

Ken Daniels – COC Member

Elected to represent LAA #1 in Iosco County (Plainfield, AuSable, Oscoda, and Wilber townships)

Joe Vohwinkle – COC Member

County Committee Reorganization

The following positions were determined at the reorganization meetings held after the elections in December.

Arenac County

Ed Stange – Chairman
Ken Daniels – Vice Chairman
Kevin Noffsinger – Member
Courtney Rolfe – COC Advisor

The Arenac County Committee determined to hold their regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. Additional meetings if needed may be scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month. The meetings will be held at the Arenac FSA Office and will start at 9:00 a.m.

Iosco County

Chris Daniels – Chairman
Joe Vohwinkle – Vice Chairman
Karen Curry – Member
Laura Anschuetz – COC Advisor

The Iosco County Committee determined to hold their regularly scheduled meeting on the second Thursday of the month. Additional meetings if needed may be scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month. The meetings will be held at the Iosco FSA Office and will start at 9:30 a.m.

Due to budgetary restraints County Committee meetings will be scheduled for once a quarter. Contact either office to find out when the next regular meeting will be scheduled for each county.

Unauthorized Disposition

If grain under loan has been disposed of through feeding, selling or any other form of disposal without prior written authorization from the county office staff, it is considered unauthorized disposition. The financial penalties are severe and a producer's name will be placed on a loan violation list for a two-year period. Always call the office **before** any loan grain is fed or sold.

Office Staff

Diane Bartlett
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2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will continue to accept SURE applications for 2011 crop losses through June 7, 2013. The SURE Program provides payments to producers when crop revenues are less than the crop guarantee. The SURE Program payment is equal to 60 percent of the difference between the crop guarantee and revenue.

To determine the guarantee and revenue for the SURE Program, all crops on all farms for a producer are included in the calculation. Payments under the SURE Program are limited to \$100,000.

To be eligible for the 2011 SURE Program, producers must have crop insurance on all insurable crops. For crops that are not covered by crop insurance such as pumpkins and cucumbers, producers must have purchased Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage through FSA. The Crop Insurance and NAP purchase requirement is waived for crops that are not economically significant to the farming operation. In addition, the producer must have at least one crop with a 10 percent production loss in order to be eligible.

For more information concerning the 2011 SURE program or other Farm Service Agency programs, contact your local FSA office or visit the Farm Service Agency website at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/.

Commodity Loans

Commodity loans, also referred to as Marketing Assistance Loans, are available to producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, producers must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if the producer regains beneficial interest.

Loan rates for covered commodities are as follows:

Arenac

Corn - \$1.79/bu.
Soys - \$4.89/bu.
Red Wheat - \$2.63/bu.
White Wheat - \$2.65/bu.
Barley - \$1.77/bu.
Oats - \$1.38/bu.

Iosco

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Red Wheat \$2.61/bu.
White Wheat - \$2.64
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Loans are for nine months following the month of dispersal. Currently, the interest rate is 1.125%. If you are interested contact the office and let us know.