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Dates to Remember

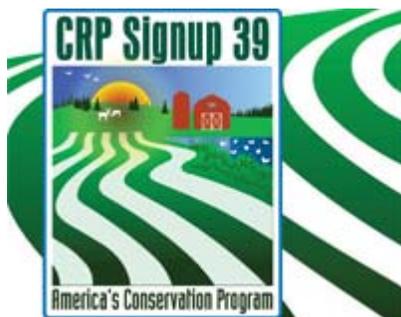
August 1st – Deadline to request Farm changes for 2010
August 2nd – Deadline for nominating petitions to be returned
August 2nd-27th – General CRP sign up period
September 30th – Crop Year 2011 sales closing date for non insurable crops begin
November 5th – Election Ballots mailed in LAA#1
December 6th – Ballots must be returned
Ongoing
– Farm Storage Facility Loans
– Continuous CRP & CREP

GENERAL CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM SIGN UP BEGINS

The general conservation reserve program sign up will begin on August 2, 2010 and continue through August 27, 2010.

CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to use their environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share assistance and technical assistance. Participants voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production by entering into long-term contracts for 10 to 15 years.

Interested producer's must contact their local FSA office no later than August 27th to begin the process of determining if their eligibility requirements are met prior to submitting their bid. We encourage all interested producer's/landowner's to contact us at their earliest convenience to ensure timeliness of applications and the deadlines are met.



For more information regarding this program please contact the Shiawassee County Farm Service Agency at (989) 723-8263, Ext. 2.

NON INSURED CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

The non-insured crop assistance program is available to all producers of non insurable crops through the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Division insures only specific crops in each county.

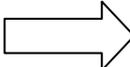
As the current legislation reads, if a natural disaster condition occurs, in order for a producer to be eligible for any assistance through the Farm Service Agency, all crops of economic significance must be insured either through RMA and/or Farm Service Agency for those non insurable crops.

The importance of this program is not realized until that disaster occurs. Please review your farm plans for the upcoming growing season and determine if the Non Insured Assistance Program would benefit you. The cost to insure those crops through the Farm Service Agency is \$250.00 per crop, not to exceed \$750.00 per county and \$1875.00 per producer for all counties. Those non-insurable crops include:

- Forage – Deadline 9/30/2010
- Clover Seed – Deadline 9/30/2010
- Speltz – Deadline 9/30/2010
- Pumpkins – Deadline 3/15/2011
- Flown on Wheat – Deadline 9/30/2010
- Blueberries – Deadline 11/20/2010

Please note: This is not a complete listing of eligible crops for the NAP program.

If you would like additional information regarding this program, please contact the Farm Service Agency Office.

 **PAYMENTS.....**

With the upcoming cycle of payments to be issued beginning in October, we encourage all participants to review their Direct Deposit information in advance to ensure that FSA records remain accurate. Direct Deposit changes that are not reported timely may cause delays in payments.



Prevented Crop Acreage Reporting Requirements

Producers prevented from planting their crops for any natural disaster condition are reminded that reporting those acres must be made to the Farm Service Agency within 15 days of the final planting date to be considered timely filed. Failure to file timely may affect your farm crop bases and yields for future programs. The Risk Management Agency also relies on FSA's acreage reports to verify compliance with crop insurance requirements.

Failed Crop Acreage Reporting Requirements

Producers whose crops fail due to natural disaster conditions are reminded that reporting those acres must be made to the Farm Service Agency at the time of disaster occurrence but no later than 15 days after the disaster condition occurred and prior to disposition of those acres.

2008 SURE PROGRAM

The 2008 SURE Program (Supplemental Revenue Assistance) continues to be available for those interested persons who feel they suffered a 2008 crop loss due to natural disaster conditions. At this time, a deadline has not been announced regarding this program. Please contact this office for additional information.

2009 SURE PROGRAM

The 2009 SURE Program sign up has not been announced as of the date of this newsletter. Producers who feel they suffered a 2009 crop loss due to natural disaster conditions are encouraged to contact the FSA Office at this time. We will put your name on a register and once additional information is given regarding the sign up period and qualifications, we will contact you. We do not anticipate that an additional newsletter will be printed in the near future due to budget issues.

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