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FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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County Committee

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County Committee Meetings are generally held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. During December through March, Meetings are held at 1:30 pm. Subject to change

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for 2011 SURE has begun and ends on June 7, 2013. SURE is available to farms that sustained qualifying crop losses during the **2011 crop year** (not this past growing season). To be eligible for SURE, you must have purchased insurance for every crop of economic significance on the farm and these crops must be included on the SURE application (good and bad). SURE is a total farm revenue disaster program. Past NAP and RMA insurance payments are considered farm revenue. Please call to apply or for more information.

2013 Acreage Reporting

The new deadline to report 2013 Blueberries, Apples and Peaches is **January 15, 2013**. These new deadlines will now be in effect for future years to coincide with crop insurance deadlines. 

Acreage reporting is required for NAP, CRP, CREP, SAFE, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments and may be necessary for future crop disaster or market assistance programs which may arise.

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

2013 NAP sales closing dates are coming up for the following: **Arugula, Asparagus, Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Collards, Escarole, Endive, Greens, Herbs, Horseradish, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Parsnip, Peas, Potatoes, Radishes, Rhubarb, Spinach and Turnips—December 31, 2012.** (*Crops available only through Federal Crop Insurance are underlined. You need to contact a private crop insurance agent to purchase. We have a list of agents available at this office*)

Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain; For other than whole grain harvest—Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley; Hay; Renewable biomass; Fruits and vegetables - cold storage facilities. After the stored commodity has been marketed, the facility may, with prior approval, be used to temporarily store equipment and other agricultural items until the next harvest season. For more information about FSFL please give us a call or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.

The current interest rates are 1.125% for a 7 year loan (under \$100K); 1.75% for a 10 year loan (\$100K to \$250K); 2.00% for a 12 year loan (\$250K to \$500K). Rates change monthly.



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Dates to Remember

December 3, 2012—Last day to submit County Committee election ballots
December 25, 2012—The office will be closed for Christmas Day
December 31, 2012—NAP Sales closing date-see 1st page
January 1, 2013—The office will be closed for New Year's Day
January 15, 2013—Acreage deadline for Apples, Peaches and Blueberries
Continues—Farm Storage Facility Loans, Marketing Assistance Loans



Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL)

MALs are beneficial if you are storing grain, but need operating money now. These are nine-month low interest loans that can be paid anytime before maturity. The current interest rate for November 2012 is 1.125%!

Paperwork is minimal. You may now take loans out on commodities stored at Perdue, as they are an approved warehouse facility. Please call if you are interested. 2012 loan rates are as follows: Corn – 2.16 bu., Barley – 1.65 bu., Grain Sorghum – 3.75 cwt., Oats – 1.38 bu., Soybeans – 5.05 bu., Wheat – 2.85 bu.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Sign up for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) ends on **December 21, 2012**. CSP rewards agricultural and forestry producers whose operations meet stewardship thresholds. CSP is a voluntary conservation program that encourages agricultural and forestry producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner. This is done by undertaking additional conservation activities and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.

Sign up for the Energy Audit-Conservation Activity Plan ends on **December 21, 2012**. Under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Farm Energy Audits explore and address on-farm energy problems and opportunities. The plan includes an evaluation of the energy efficiency of the existing equipment by category (lighting, cooling, ventilation, motors, etc.), environmental factors, cultural resource impacts, and a summary of recommendations and potential savings.

Notice to all Foreign Investors

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreigners who have purchased or sold U.S. agricultural lands to report any acquisition, lease, disposition, holding and land use changes to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture within 90 days of the transaction. Failure to do so may result in a fine up to 25% of the property's fair market price. Contact this FSA office for details.

Signature Limitation

A husband or wife can sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the County Office. A husband or wife cannot sign a power of attorney form on behalf of the other, and they must have a power of attorney on file in order to sign personally for CRP easements or claim settlements, such as promissory notes. Faxed signatures from all producers shall be accepted for most forms and other documents.

Reasonable Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If you require special accommodations, please telephone this office so arrangements can be made. County Committee Meetings are normally on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. During December through March, meetings are a 1:30 pm.