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## Madera County FSA Updates

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### Madera County FSA Office Changing Banks

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**Contact Information:**

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**Hours:**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using direct deposit.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service. **Your payments could be held up for weeks if your banking information is not correct.**

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### Reporting of Fall Crops

**County Committee (COC):**

Ryan Jones, Chair  
Alfonso Gil, Vice Chair,  
Sundeep Gill, Member

All producers are reminded that the acreage reporting date for 2014 fall crops is December 15, 2013. This applies to all perennial forage (e.g. alfalfa, native pasture land). Please call for an appointment to certify your crops. The one year grace period for late crop reporting has expired. Producers who fail to meet the deadline will incur late filing fees.

**Farm Program Staff:**

Joe Grillo, CED

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Debbie Cook, PT  
Nancy Talley, PT

## NAP Coverage Deadlines

### NRCS Staff:

Jennifer Johnson DC  
Dennis Dudley  
Mira Dick  
Mark Eberhart  
Priscilla Baker  
Sheryl Feit  
Darren Holguin

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 sales closing date. The approaching sales closing dates are:

December 1, 2013 - Forage Crops, Intended use of Forage, Hay (Mechanically Harvested), Forage Crops intended use of Grazing, Honey

December 15, 2013 - Trees that are not covered under Crop Insurance.

### Next COC Meeting:

See acreage reporting dates below for all crops including NAP crops.

January 2014

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## 2014 Crop Reporting Dates

December 15, 2013	Perennial forage (e.g. rye, orchard grass, Bermuda grass, alfalfa, pasture)
January 2, 2014	NAP honey
January 15, 2014	Strawberries planted 8/16 - 11/15/2013, avocados, blueberries, grapefruit lemons, mandarins, Minneola tangelos, navel oranges, Orlando tangelos, sweet oranges, Valencia oranges, and sugar beets planted 9/1-12/13/2013
March 15, 2014	Alfalfa seed, wheat (fall and spring), almonds, apples, barley (fall), cherries, figs, apricots (FR and PR), freestone peaches (FR and PR), nectarines (FR), oats (fall), pears, plums, cling peaches (PR), prunes,
and walnuts.	
May 15, 2014	Grapes and table grapes
June 15, 2014	Forage for seed crops, and strawberries all other plant dates.
July 15, 2014	Alfalfa seed (spring), barley (spring), corn, cotton (Upland and ELS), cultivated wild rice, dry beans, tomatoes (FR and PR), grain sorghum, mint, oats (spring) onions, rice, safflower, and all other crops except raisins. Strawberries (all other plant dates).
July 31, 2014	Raisins

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## NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

Are you interested in benefitting wildlife on your land? Would you like to see more quail, hawks, or other wildlife? NRCS is accepting applications from producers who want to benefit wildlife on their land through December 20 2013. We cost-share on practices such as: planting trees and shrubs along streams, limiting cattle access to streams, putting in nest boxes, and establishing plants to benefit bees and pollinators. These are a few examples and many other practices are available; we'd like to hear your ideas. Interested producers should

contact the Madera County NRCS office at 674-2108 x115 and sign up for the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program by December 20.

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## Microloan Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) developed the Microloan program to better serve the unique financial operating needs of beginning, niche and small family farm operations.

FSA offers applicants a Microloan designed to help farmers with credit needs of \$35,000 or less. The loan features a streamlined application process built to fit the needs of new and smaller producers. This loan program will also be useful to specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA).

Eligible applicants can apply for a maximum amount of \$35,000 to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop houses to extend the growing season, essential tools, irrigation and annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents, marketing, and distribution expenses. As financing needs increase, applicants can apply for a regular operating loan up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 or obtain financing from a commercial lender under FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program.

Individuals interested in applying for a microloan or would like to discuss other farm loan programs available, should contact the Merced FSA office at (559) 722-4119 to setup an appointment with a Loan Approval Official.

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## Emergency Loans - Secretarial Natural Disaster Designations

As a result of these designations, the counties listed are eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency (EM) loans for eligible family farmers.

**The following current disaster designations have been declared by the Secretary of Agriculture:**

**Date Declared:** 04/24/2013

**Designation Code:** S3511

**Disaster Description:** Merced, Madera, and Mariposa Counties have been named eligible for USDA emergency farm loans because of physical and production losses based on damages and losses caused by drought, which occurred February 26, 2013, through April 22, 2013.

**Final Date to Apply:** 12/24/2013

**Date Declared:** 07/03/2013

**Designation Code:** S3547

**Disaster Description:** Merced, Madera, and Mariposa Counties have been named eligible for USDA emergency farm loans because of physical and production losses based on damages and losses caused by drought, which occurred on May 5, 2013, through July 1, 2013.

**Final Date to Apply:** 03/03/2014

**Date Declared:** 07/31/2013

**Designation Code:** S3558

**Disaster Description:** Merced County has been named eligible for USDA emergency farm loans because of physical and production losses based on damages and losses caused by drought, which occurred on June 4, 2013, through July 29, 2013.

**Final Date to Apply:** 03/31/2014

**Some of the eligibility requirements are as follows:**

- Have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of normal production directly related to the cited cause,
- Be able to repay the loan and any other loans,
- Be Unable to obtain credit elsewhere,
- Have adequate security,
- Have multi-peril crop insurance, if available, and
- Meet all other eligibility criteria.

Contact the Merced FSA office at (559) 722-4119 for more information on the loan program for Madera County.

**THE MADERA FSA OFFICE WISHES YOU A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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