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# **Windham County FSA Updates**

# Windham County FSA Office

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Next County Committee Meeting: January 2014

@ 10:00 am

## **Job Opening**

The Windham County FSA office is seeking persons interested in the Program Technician position. You must go to the website <a href="www.USAjobs.gov">www.USAjobs.gov</a> and enter the job id of: ADZ1019617-CT to bring up the information. Click on the job title Program Technician and follow the directions to submit your application and information online. **The deadline is January 9th**. You can call Dawn Pindell at 860-779-0557 x 1 if you have questions. Note: no applications can be accepted at the county office.

#### **LAA-1 Elections**

If you are in the towns of Ashford, Eastford, Chaplin, Hampton, Windham, Scotland or Canterbury; be sure to send in your election ballot by January 17th. You will be electing a representative to the County Committee to serve a three year term. Your candidates are: **Charles "Tim" Tyler,** and **Kevin Burnham**. Both gentlemen are active dairy farmers. This second ballot process was required due to inaccurate printing of the first ballots which have been destroyed. Be sure to send yours in by January 17th.

### Report Apple+ Acreage by January 15th

Producers of Apples, fruit crops, perennials, small grains are requested to report your crop acreage planted by **January 15, 2014**. Call our office and we will work with you to get the acreage report done by the deadline. Also, for hay producers; instead of coming in during your busy season to report by July 15th, we encourage you to also call us to schedule an appointment to report your agreage over the winter months. We will also revise any updates or changes with you that are often made during the cropping season.

### Happy New Year 2014!

A new year, a new adventure in agriculture. We are still awaiting resolution of a farm bill and budgets for USDA to operate. Our offices are open to help you. Be sure to sign up for NRCS programs and work with us on updating your eligibility. We can work with you on direct, guarenteed, youth and farm storage loans.

Meetings we will be at: Thursday, January 16th **UConn's Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers Conference** at Maneeley's Conference Center, South Windsor. Register with <a href="mailto:linda.marino@uconn.edu">linda.marino@uconn.edu</a> or 860-875-3331; January 16th at 4 to 6 pm **Connecticut Farm Energy Workshop** at TAC in Vernon; register @ 860-345-3977; Saturday, January 25, 2014 - **AGvocate "Train the Trainer" Boot Camp**, 8:30 to 4 at Goodwin College - The River Campus, East Hartford. Contact John Guszkowski at 860-455-8251 or <a href="mailto:AGvocate@outlook.com">AGvocate@outlook.com</a> to register.

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