



NEWSLETTER



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Greene County Producers,

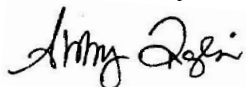
Happy Leap Year! Spring will be here before we know it. This has been a mild winter after the drought conditions during this past summer. Tillage work has already started and we continue to see more pastures broken out to annual crops. As you begin your field work, now is a good time to get a jump on paperwork and records changes. Especially if you are breaking out new ground, want to take advantage of our NAP insurance program and sign up for our annual DCP or ACRE farm program. March 15 is the deadline to purchase a NAP policy for pasture or hay. See the article, **“Noninsured Crop Disaster Program.”** We made payments on pasture in 2011 due to drought. Please call to inquire about this insurance program.

Now is a great time to stop by the office and enroll your farm in DCP as well as report your CRP, hay or pasture ground. See **“2012 DCP/ACRE Sign-up”** article and June 1, 2012 deadline. As more of you are planting crops and purchasing crop insurance, it's always a good idea to report those fields and plant dates to us first, then take your report to your agent. The deadline is July 15 this year, see **“Acreage Reporting”** article. Be sure to remind us of new acreage rented, purchased or any other operation changes for this year.

2010 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) is underway. This application deadline is also June 1, 2012. If you feel your 2010 yields or revenue suffered a 10% or greater loss; and also had Crop insurance or Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) for all crops please contact the office for more details.

Dairy Farmers please be sure to read page 3. Rumor is that we may be paying MILC payments soon and records may need to be updated. New dairy operations will need to set up an appointment to get your eligibility paperwork for the MILC program. Dairy Indemnity Program (DIPP) is another program that offers assistance for situations in which milk had to be dumped (high alfatoxin levels for example) or other toxic chemicals, pesticides, radiation.

As you are aware, our agency is under budget restraints that are causing us to create new ways to serve you. One of the ways we are trying to reduce costs is through electronic communication (e-mail), text messages and now GovDelivery. See the article entitled **“FSA Adopting Electronic Notifications.”** Post-cards will no longer be mailed. Newsletters such as this one are extremely limited. This could be your last newsletter. If you do not have a computer or text messaging capabilities, we welcome you to call us anytime or stop by to see what's happening.

Sincerely, , CED

Thank You

Greene & Webster County USDA held a Producer Informational Meeting at Strafford City Hall this past January. Sixty producer's were in attendance and we appreciate each one that was able to come. For those unable to attend, we are planning to make this an annual event. Look for the announcements next year from Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Soil & Water Conservation District and Rural Development.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Greene County welcomes back David Trogon of Ash Grove for his third and final term on County Committee. David serves in local area 3 that covers the western side of Greene County.

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation. The committee members held their organizational meeting in December. David Trogon will serve as Chair-person, Judy Spencer as Vice-Chair and Larry White will serve as Member.

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

The noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) is a federally funded program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. Application for coverage must be filed by the applicable crop's application closing date.

Production records for all crops must be reported to FSA no later than the acreage reporting date for the crop for the following year. FSA requires that any production reported in a loss year be verifiable according to Agency specifications. *NAP Losses must be reported within 15 days of the date the loss became apparent.*

- Limited Resource producers with less than \$22,350 household income in 2009 & 2010 and also less than \$163,200 Gross Farm Sales receive the insurance coverage free of charge.

FREE COVERAGE

- \$250/crop per county

NAP application closing date is March 15, 2012.

Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)

Low cost financing for storage facilities is available for qualifying producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, rice, soybeans, corn, hay, honey, renewable biomass, and cold storage for fruits and vegetables. The low inter-

est rate changes monthly and is based on the rate of interest charged on Treasury Securities of comparable term. Loan terms of 7, 10 and 12 years are available for the purchase and installation of new, eligible storage facilities or permanently affixed drying and handling equipment or for new components used to remodel existing facilities. Eligible facilities include conventional type bins or cribs, new or remanufactured oxygen-limiting upright and bunker silos, new permanently affixed structures suitable for storing hay and renewable biomass, and new cold storage facilities suitable for storing the fruits and vegetables produced by the borrower.

1.375%

Loan limits are up to \$500,000. Loan terms: \$100,000 or less – 7 years; \$100,000.01 - \$250,000 – 7 or 10 years; \$250,000.01 - \$500,000 – 7, 10 or 12 years. Sign-up is continuous, as long as CCC funds are available.

Acreage Reporting

Filing an accurate acreage report at your local FSA office can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Failed acreage is acreage that was timely planted with the intent to harvest, but because of disaster related conditions, the crop failed before it could be brought to harvest. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date. Annual acreage reports are required for most Farm Service Agency programs. Annual crop report deadlines vary based on region, crop, permanent vs. annual crop type, NAP or non-NAP crop and fall or winter seeding. Consult your local FSA office for deadlines in your area.

FSA Adopting Electronic notification

The USDA Farm Service Agency offices are moving toward a paperless operation. Producers are asked to contact their local office about options for electronic delivery of notices, newsletters and reminders, instead of a hard copy through the mail. FSA, like many other organizations, is trying to work smarter and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email and text messages will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. County committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

2012 DCP/ACRE Sign-up

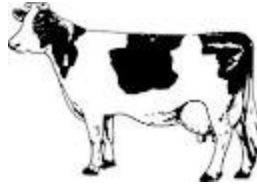
2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment started Jan. 23, 2012 and will end **June 1,**

2012. Here are some IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- All producers with an interest in **DCP base** acres must be included on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.
- All producers receiving a share greater than zero on the DCP/ACRE contract must sign the contract no later than June 1, 2012.
- Changes on the farm after enrolling June 1st in DCP/ACRE must be reported to your local FSA office such as:

Ownership changes, Producer changes (Individuals and Entities), Change in crop shares arrangement

Note: Changes cannot be made after Sept. 30, 2012.



dairy producers when a regulatory agency directs them to remove their raw milk from the commercial market because it has been contaminated by pesticides, nuclear radiation, or fallout, or toxic substances and chemical residues other than pesticides.

Payments are made to manufacturers of dairy products only for products removed from the market because of pesticide contamination. Dairy producers and manufacturers are eligible for indemnification from the date the milk was officially removed from the market by public agency through the date the milk is officially reinstated to the market by public agency, based on the fair market value determined for the milk.

To apply for DIPP benefits, affected producers and manufacturers must meet all eligibility requirements and submit a completed FSA-373 to their USDA Service Center or FSA Office no later than December 31 following the fiscal year in which the loss occurred.

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program

The Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program, administered by FSA, compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. FSA makes MILC payments on a monthly basis when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight as adjusted by the dairy feed ration adjustment. To be eligible for payments, dairy producers must have produced cow milk in the U.S., and commercially marketed the milk produced anytime during the period of October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2012. Dairy producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland conservation provisions and Adjusted Gross Income limitations. Signup for the program began December 22, 2008, and extends through the conclusion of the program on September 30, 2012. Payments are issued based on a start month selection by the producers in the dairy operation and are subject to a maximum eligible production limit per dairy operation per fiscal year, ranging from 2.4 million pounds to 2.985 million pounds, depending on the fiscal year. Payment start month selections must be made on CCC-580 and submitted to an FSA Service Center on or before the 14th of the month before the month the dairy operation wants to begin payments.

Production evidence for each applicable payment month must be provided to FSA before a MILC payment can be issued.

Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation Compliance

Landowners and operators are reminded that in order to receive payments from USDA, compliance with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions are required. Farmers with HEL determined soils are reminded of tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements as specified per their conservation plan. Producers are to notify the USDA Farm Service Agency prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to insure compliance. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations can result in the loss of eligibility and all Federal payments.

Power of Attorney

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., FSA has a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information.

Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (DIPP)

The Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (DIPP) is available to dairy farmers for milk, or cows producing milk, and manufacturers of dairy products who, through no fault of their own, have been directed to remove their milk or dairy products from commercial markets because of the presence of certain chemical or toxic residue in the products. Under DIPP, payments are made to

Current program information and newsletters may be found on our Missouri Public Web-page at:

www.fsa.usda.gov/mo

INTEREST RATES for March 2012

90-Day Treasury Bill	.125%
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	1.375%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	3.375%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.50%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans (7 yr) Hay Barn or Grain Bin	1.375%
Farm Storage Facility Loans (10 yr)	2.00%
Farm Storage Facility Loans (12 yr)	2.250%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.125%

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REPORT BY:

March 12	CRP General Signup 43 Begins
March 15	NAP Closing Date for Spring Seeded Crops
March 12	General CRP Sign-up
June 1	DCP Program & SURE
July 15	Last day to report Spring Seeded Crops (corn, milo, soybeans)
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

The next Committee Meeting
is April 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at
Greene County FSA.

Changing Bank Accounts

All FSA payments should be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if your bank is purchased by another financial institution. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to account and routing numbers.

Please call ahead or schedule an appointment to help us serve you as quickly as possible. We can have your information pulled for a speedy visit.

Thank you in advance!



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