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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

2012 Acreage Reporting

Reminder—Please call now to schedule an appointment to report any **wheat, barley, oats, rye or other small grain acreage** that you may have planted. **The deadline is May 31, 2012.** Acreage reporting is required for most of our programs, including the Non-insured Assistance Program, SURE disaster program, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, the DCP/ACRE program and may be necessary for future crop disaster or market assistance programs which may arise. The minimum fee for late-filing an acreage report is \$46 per farm number, so don't delay!

Emergency Loans

Gloucester and Salem counties received several Natural Disaster Determinations for 2011 due to a variety of weather conditions, including Hurricane Irene. Loan applications will be received through **May 15, 2012** (May 23, 2012 for Gloucester County since contiguous to a Pennsylvania County declaration).

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. **Please call the Vineland Office at 856-205-1225 x 2 for more information or to apply.**

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

NAP insurance provides 50% coverage on crops where a Federal insurance policy is not available. NAP policy fees are \$250 per crop, \$750 max per County (If you pay the \$750 max there is no crop limit). The 2012 sales closing date for the following is **March 15, 2012: Fresh Beans, Brussel Sprouts, Cantaloupe, Celery, Corn, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Honeydews, Oats, Okra, Peppers, Pumpkins, Grain Sorghum, Sorghum Forage, Squash, Soybeans, Sweet Corn (processing), Sweet Corn (Fresh Market), Sweet Potatoes, Sunflowers, Tomatillos, Tomatoes, Watermelons and Yams.** (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 the office)

NAP Reminder: Please submit your **2011** crop production records as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. They are due by July 15, 2012, but we know you will be very busy by then. If production records are not submitted, your NAP coverage will be reduced. Also, when reporting your 2012 crop acreage, please review your acreage reports carefully. If your reported acreage is off by more than 15%, plus or minus, you will be **ineligible** for NAP benefits. Paid for measurement service is available. In addition, if you have experienced prevented planting of crops on your policy, you may file a notice of loss. More than 35% of the total eligible acreage intended for planting must be prevented to qualify. Intention to plant must be established and a field visit required. Please call if you have any questions.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)/ACRE Sign-up is underway

DCP contracts are being prepared for the 2012 growing season for producers which operate farms with base acreage (history of reporting grain). You can sign up now until June 1, 2012. If you normally enroll, we will contact you by phone when your contracts and other necessary forms are ready for you to sign. Also, we will ask you to report any small grain acreage that you may have. You may also report your intended crop acres for this upcoming growing season.

Seasonal High Tunnels—Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

As one of their 2012 conservation initiatives, NRCS is offering the practice of seasonal high tunnels under their EQIP program. The payment is limited to 2178 square ft of high tunnel. High tunnels assist by extending the growing season for high value crops in an environmentally safe manner. **Sign up deadline is March 30, 2012!** 856-769-1126 ext. 3.

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Dates to Remember

March 15, 2012—NAP Sales closing date—see previous page

April 6, 2012—Final day to sign up for CRP general sign up.

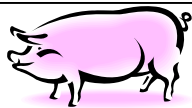
May 31, 2012—Final day to report small grain acreage

May 31, 2012—Final loan availability date for 2011 Corn, Soybeans and Grain Sorghum

June 1, 2012—Deadline to sign up for DCP /ACRE

June 1, 2012 -Deadline to sign up for 2010 SURE

Sign-up Continues— CREP, Continuous CRP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans



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Conservation Reserve Program General Sign-up

Sign-up for the CRP general program will begin on March 12th and end on April 6, 2012. Unlike Continuous CRP or CREP, participants may offer entire fields for enrollment in the program, which are taken out of agricultural production. Rental payments and up to 50% cost sharing for the practice installation are available on the 10 to 15 year contracts. Competitive offers for general sign-up will be evaluated based on five environmental factors and cost.

To be eligible, the offered land must be cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity, four out of the six crop years from 2002 to 2007, and which is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Alfalfa or other multiyear grasses and legumes grown in a rotation not to exceed 12 years may be eligible. In addition, the cropland must also have a weighted average erosion index of eight or higher or be expiring CRP acreage. Please call for more information.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for 2010 SURE continues. SURE is available to farms that sustained qualifying crop losses during the 2010 crop year. To be eligible for SURE, you must have purchased insurance for every crop of economic significance on the farm and all these crops must be 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 for more information. Sign up ends June 1, 2012.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)—Damage from last year's heavy rain?

If you currently have a CREP waterway installed on your farm that is under contract and has suffered severe damage from last year's rains, you may request 50 % cost share funds for re-establishment. Please call for more info.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Workshops

NRCS is sponsoring the following workshops in partnership with the Gloucester Soil Conservation District: **Energy Conservation, March 12, 2012**, 8:30 a.m. at the Gloucester County Complex in Clayton. **Ethnic Specialty Crops, March 29, 2012**, 8:30 a.m. at the Rutgers Extension office in Millville. **Forest Landowners, April 5, 2012**, 9:00 a.m. at the Ware Ag Building in Woodstown. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration is required. Please call 856-589-5250 to register.



Milk Income Loss program (MILC)

No MILC payment rate was triggered in 2011. Payments are triggered when the BCI falls below \$16.94. MILC payments are expected this year, due to increasing prices of feed ingredients. For dairies that produce over the 2.985 million pound cap per year, you may change your payment start month, if desired, but must do so before the 14th day of the month prior to your original selection month. If your milk handler does not provide us with your production records, you must provide verifiable production before any payment can be issued. Please call Sherri with questions.