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From the Desk of Brad Pfaff, Wisconsin State Executive Director

Hello 2013; so long 2012. With the change in the calendar it is time to look forward to the upcoming growing season. USDA Farm Service Agency-Wisconsin is proud to be your partner in production agriculture. Please do not hesitate to contact any of our 55 local FSA offices that are located around the state if you have any questions regarding farm program and farm loan issues.

Thanks to your efforts, Wisconsin is one of the nation's most diverse and productive agriculture states.

2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program Sign-up Now Available

Wisconsin FSA reminds producers that the sign-up period for the 2011 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program ends on June 7, 2013. SURE provides assistance to farmers and ranchers who have suffered losses due to natural disasters. This is not a sign-up for 2012 losses.

Producers who suffered losses during the 2011 crop year are encouraged to visit their local FSA office to learn more about the SURE program as the sign-up deadline is June 7, 2013.

To be eligible for SURE a farm must have:

- At least a 10 percent production loss adjusted for quality on a crop of economic significance;
- A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for all economically significant crops;
- Been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Without a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual

producers may be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

In Wisconsin, the following counties were determined primary or contiguous for 2011:

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| -Ashland | -Bayfield |
| -Burnett | -Clark |
| -Douglas | -Florence |
| -Forest | -Grant |
| -Green | -Iron |
| -Lafayette | -Langlade |
| -Lincoln | -Marathon |
| -Marinette | -Oconto |
| -Oneida | -Portage |
| -Price | -Sawyer |
| -Shawano | -Taylor |
| -Vilas | -Washburn |
| -Waupaca | -Wood |

Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

For more information on the 2011 SURE program, call or schedule an appointment with your local FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

FSA Reminds Producers of the Non-Insured Assistance Program March 15th Application Deadline for Spring-seeded Crops Approaching

Producers are reminded that March 15, 2013, is the application deadline to sign up for the Non-Insured Assistance Program coverage on most spring-seeded crops.



Producers interested in obtaining NAP on their 2013 spring-seeded non-insurable crop acreage should visit their local county office to complete an application for 2013 acres. This deadline date also applies to persons who have a 2012 policy that expired and want to renew coverage on spring seeded crops for 2013.

NAP coverage is available for crops only where insurance coverage is not available under Federal Crop Insurance policies provided by private insurance agents.

NAP is designed to cover losses due to damaging weather conditions. The program covers losses of more than 50 percent of normal yields or the farm's yield calculated using actual production histories. Payments for production lost in excess of 50 percent are paid at 55 percent of the values established for the crop.

The cost per policy is \$250 per crop per producer with a \$750 cap per county. NAP coverage begins 30 days after the application is filed and the \$250 administrative fee has been paid. The \$250 administrative fee is non refundable. Producers that are considered limited resource under FSA provisions may have the service fees waived.

Producers who currently have NAP coverage or who are interested in coverage need to keep an accurate records of their production, report acreage of the crops to FSA annually, and promptly notify FSA when losses occur.

Additionally, in past USDA disaster programs, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance

Act or NAP coverage. Coverage requirements vary slightly depending on the disaster program.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to obtain NAP coverage or for additional information on the NAP before the March 15, 2013 deadline. Information on the NAP program can also be found on FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Changes to Form 1099-G and 1099-MISC for FSA Producers and Vendors

Wisconsin Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that calendar year 2012 brings several changes to the way FSA reports a producer's farm program payments to the producer and to IRS.

In past years, IRS Forms 1099-G would be issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount.

Starting with calendar year 2012, producers whose total reportable payments from FSA are less than \$600 will not receive IRS Form 1099-G (Report of Payments to Producers). Additionally, producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive one Form 1099-G if the total of all payments from all counties is \$600 or more.

Producers who receive less than \$600 in combined payments should consult a tax advisor to determine if these payments must be reported on their tax return.

2012 Low Interest Marketing Assistance Loan Application Deadlines Approaching

Producers interested in a FSA low interest Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) are reminded that March 31, 2013, is the deadline to put 2012 small grain crops under a 9-month loan. The application deadline for 2012 corn and soybeans is May 31, 2013.

A MAL is available to producers who share in the risk of producing a crop. To be eligible, a producer must maintain continual beneficial interest in the crop

from harvest through the earlier of the date the loan is repaid or Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) takes title of the commodity.

For more information or to apply for a MAL, contact your county office at least a week prior to the time you would like the loan.



Snowmobiles on CRP Acreage

It is up to the local FSA county committee to determine whether or not snowmobile trails are allowed to cross acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. If this affects any of your CRP acreage, contact your local FSA office to request this particular use prior to allowing a trail on your CRP land.

Conservation Compliance Reminder

All USDA program participants are required to have a conservation system in place on all highly erodible land (HEL). Renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breakup additional land, changing crops, and changing or removing existing conservation practices can result in compliance issues.

Contact your Farm Service Agency county office before taking any of the above actions. It is also important that you contact FSA before modifying, tilling, draining, dredging, filling or leveling any wetland or drainage ditches. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these activities can result in loss of all federal payments and program eligibility.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

FSA reminds producers who may be considering upgrading or adding extra storage space for harvested crops next year that the Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program provides low interest loans for building or upgrading storage facilities.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain
- Pulse crops – lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables – cold storage facilities, but not freezers

For more information about FSFL, please visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Feeding America Message

Even though we may not realize it, there are people we interact with every day who aren't sure where they will find their next meal. They might be an assistant at your office, one of your child's best friends, or the cashier at your grocery store. Annually, billions of pounds of produce are not making it to the market place, so this is where we come in. Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief organization. Throughout our entire state of Wisconsin, we have five food banks that reach approximately 550,000 hungry individuals. Our food banks are located in Milwaukee/Omro, Madison, Eau Claire, and service LaCrosse county. These food banks distribute to local food pantries, soup kitchens, and schools that serve those in need. Please help us in our mission to end hunger throughout Wisconsin. There is no reason fresh produce should go unused so we offer a sustainable solution by coming to pick up any product, reducing cost on storage and dumping as well. For more information, please contact Molly Donaldson, Fresh Produce Sourcer of Wisconsin at mdonaldson@feedingamerica.org or 312.659.2396.

Dates to Remember	
December 25, 2012	Christmas Holiday, FSA offices closed
December 31, 2012	Deadline to apply for DIPP for producers suffering losses October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012
January 1, 2013	New Years Holiday, FSA offices closed
January 2, 2013	Honey acreage reporting deadline
January 15, 2013	Crop reporting deadline for perennial fruits & vegetables
January 21, 2013	MLK, Jr. Birthday, FSA offices closed
February 1, 2013	Crop reporting deadline for maple sap
February 18, 2013	Washington's Birthday, FSA offices closed
March 15, 2013	NAP application deadline for spring-seeded crops
March 24, 2013	Deadline to file for a disaster loan for maple syrup production losses
March 25, 2013	-Deadline to file for a disaster loan for loss and damage due to drought -Deadline to file claim for Hispanic & Women Farmers & Ranchers Claim Process
March 27, 2013	Deadline to apply for DIPP for producers suffering losses between October 1, 2012 - March 27, 2013
March 31, 2013	Deadline to apply for 9-month loans and LDPs for small grains, wheat and honey
May 31, 2013	Deadline to apply for 9-month loans and LDPs for corn and soybeans
Continuous	-Farm Storage Facility Loans

Civil Rights/Discrimination Complaint Process As a participant or applicant for programs or activities operated or sponsored by USDA you have a right to be treated fairly. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, you may file a discrimination complaint. The complaint should be filed with the USDA Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights within 180 days of the date you became aware of the alleged discrimination. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.