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Kent County FSA Updates

Kent County FSA Office **Are you Ready to Enroll, ARC/PLC Signup is Here!** County Executive Director: Maryann Reed

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Program signup dates have arrived. Enrollment of producers and farms for the 2014 and 2015 Program year begins June 17, 2015 and continues until September 30, 2015.

For fastest service, make an appointment by contacting your local County FSA office:

New Castle -(302)832-3100 Kent -(302)741-2600 Sussex -(302)856-3990

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) A Possibility?

With the falling prices of commodities, producers should ensure they have the paperwork on file in the county office to be eligible for LDPs. LDPs are triggered in a county when the posted county price falls below the loan rate for a commodity. CCC633EZ indicates the intention of a producer to obtain an LDP if triggered. The form must be on file before the producer loses control of or title to the commodity.

Contact your county office for more information regarding LDPs and how to file the CCC633EZ.

Carrie Strachar

Looking to Get Into Farming?

Farm Loan Manager:
Jennifer Feindt

FSA assists [Beginning Farmers and Ranchers](#) to finance agricultural enterprises through the [Direct](#) or [Guaranteed](#) farm loan programs.

Farm Loan Officer

For additional program information, loan applications, and other materials visit or contact your local USDA Service Center, in Kent County call Colleen Reed (302)856-3990 You may also visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>

Colleen Reed

Next County Committee Meeting:

Acreage Reporting Deadlines Approach

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit your County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

Acreage reporting deadlines:

July 15, 2015: Corn, Soy Beans, Limas Beans, Cucumbers Planted 4/20-6/25 and most other spring seeded crops.

August 15, 2015: Beans (all except Limas - planted 4/20-8/10), Cucumbers Planted 6/26-8/10

December 15, 2015: Fall-seeded Small grains

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure", "left standing", or "seed", then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

**Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, contact your local County FSA office: New Castle -(302)832-3100 Kent -(302)741-2600 Sussex - (302)856-3990

ELAP? Does it really cover Honeybees?

What is ELAP you say, [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish \(ELAP\)](#). ELAP provides Emergency relief to producers of livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish. ELAP covers losses from disaster such as adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires not adequately covered by any other disaster program.

With all the recent problems in the US honeybee industry, USDA offers protection in the form of ELAP for [Honeybees](#). Eligible honeybees include bees housed in a managed hive and used for honey production, pollination or honeybee breeding. Eligible honeybees do not include wild, feral honeybees, leaf cutter bees or other bee species that are not used for producing honey, pollinating or breeding honeybees.

For questions regarding ELAP, please contact your local County FSA office:

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