

Farm Service Agency

New London County FSA Office

May-June 2009

REPORT PLANTED ACRES BY
JULY 15, 2009

MILC PAYMENTS ARE BEING ISSUED !

CROP REPORTING

The annual, timely and accurate reporting of acres for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, marketing assistance loans and Loan Deficiency Payments.

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

Crop reports, (Form FSA-578), Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. **Producers need to file their acreage reports by July 15, 2009.**

PREVENTED PLANTING

Prevented planting needs be reported **no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.**

FAILED ACREAGE

Reports of failed acreage **must be filed before disposition of the crop**, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

VALUE ADDED PRODUCER GRANTS

USDA, Rural Development administers the Value Added Producer Grants program. For more information

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm>

Grants may be used for planning activities and for working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Eligible applicants are independent producer, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Contact Joanne E. Demars, Area Specialist (860) 859-5218, Ext. 205.

MARCH MILC PAYMENT – \$2.01/CWT.

USDA announced the March Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) payment rate is \$2.01/cwt. adjusted for a national average dairy feed price of \$7.54/cwt. Without the feed adjustment, the March MILC payment would have been \$1.92/cwt.

MILK INCOME LOSS CONTRACT PROGRAM PAYMENT RATES

FY 2009	BCI Price	Payment Rate Before Adj.	NADFRC	Adj. Trigger	Final Paymt. Rate Adj. for Trigger
Oct.	\$18.78	\$0.0000	\$8.83	\$18.48	\$0.0000
Nov.	\$20.58	\$0.0000	\$8.47	\$18.10	\$0.0000
Dec.	\$18.68	\$0.0000	\$8.14	\$17.76	\$0.0000
Jan.	\$18.99	\$0.0000	\$8.35	\$17.98	\$0.0000
Feb.	\$13.97	\$1.3365	\$7.73	\$17.33	\$1.5135
Mar	\$12.68	\$1.9170	\$7.54	\$17.14	\$2.0056

The MILC payment is based on an adjusted trigger lever of \$17.14/cwt. (the \$16.94/cwt. Boston Class I trigger plus the feed adjuster). The actual Class I price in Boston was \$12.68. (The difference between the trigger and the actual Class I price is then multiplied by 45% to get the actual payment rate.) For more information, go to: www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp

LAA #3 To Hold Election - NOMINATIONS DUE

It's county committee election time, and this year the eligible voters in Local Administrative Area #3 (Griswold, Lisbon, Norwich, North Stonington, Preston, Sprague and Voluntown), will hold an election for a representative to serve on the New London County Committee. **Nominations must be returned to the county office by August 3, 2009.**

USDA & INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TEAMING UP

USDA and the Internal Revenue Service are teaming up to ensure that high-income agricultural producers who request benefits from the Department meet the income eligibility limits that were spelled out in the 2008 Farm Bill. This initiative is to ensure the integrity of farm payment programs and will impact the program delivery efforts of USDA employees located at headquarters and field Offices across the country.

Under this initiative, individuals who are seeking benefits from USDA will be required to sign a document giving the IRS permission to verify that they meet income eligibility for that assistance.

Hopefully this will insure that farm program payments are only provided to eligible producers. And that's per the rules which Congress established.

"FSA county employees will *not* look at a producer's tax returns." Instead IRS will scan its own tax records and will then notify USDA that an applicant may not be eligible because that applicant may have exceeded the income tests.

County Information

Address: 238 West Town Street Norwich, CT 06360	Phone Number: (860) 887-9941 Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Staff: Marsha B. Jettè, CED Pat Smith, PT Barbara Pagano, PT Claudia Fryer, Temp PT Ronald Clark, FLM	County Committee: John Gadbois, Chairman Art Spielman III, V-Chm Ray Manning, Member Suzanne Sankow, Minority Advisor

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YOUTH LOANS

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. **The maximum loan amount is \$5000.**

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 21 years of age
- Live in a rural area or in a town of 50,000 people or fewer
- Must obtain a written recommendation and consent from a parent or guardian if the applicant has not reached the age of majority under state law
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision.

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Monday, May 25th -
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