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Words of Windham

September 2009**A Newsletter For People Who Care About Agriculture**

Conservation Stewardship Program

A continuous signup for a new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is available now until the first ranking cutoff date on September 30, 2009.

To be eligible for CSP, the applicant must:

- be the operator of a farm (in 2010) according to FSA records
- have documented control of the land for the term of the proposed contract
- be in compliance with HEL and WC provisions by filing AD-1026 for 2010
- be in compliance with AGI provisions by filing CCC-926 for 2010

Land eligible for CSP includes, but is not limited to cropland, pasture, rangeland, and nonindustrial private forest land.

Contact NRCS 860-774-8397 X 2

Small Business Administration

The Small Business Administration has many resources to help succeed with your small business. They can help with business plans, grant & loan opportunities and many other resources.

Contact them at :

Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU):
83 Windham Street, Beckert Hall
Willimantic, CT 06226
860-832-0650

CT Organic Festival

Manchester Community College
September 20, 2009
10AM-4PM

Join them for a farmers market, live music, workshops & kids activities. For admission prices & more information: 203-888-5146 or www.ctnofa.org

Celebrating Agriculture

Saturday September 26, 2009

9AM-3PM

Woodstock Fair Grounds

Rte. 169 Woodstock, CT

Admission and Parking is free

Celebrating Agriculture is a free fun educational day showcasing the benefits agriculture brings to the region as well as the challenges faced today by agricultural producers.

A Hearty Farm breakfast is served from 9-11AM for a donation of \$5 adult & \$3 for kids under 10. Food is also available for purchase at certain vendors along with free samples at many exhibits.

Some of the things you will see are:

Agricultural Displays * Events/Demonstrations
Forestry Fair * Farm Equipment * Hay Rides
Entertainment * Farmer's Market * Farm Tour
Children's Activities * Horses, Cows and More!

NAP Loss Reminder

If you are a NAP participant and a crop is affected by a natural disaster, you must notify your local FSA office so that the proper paperwork can be complete within 15 calendar days of the:

- *natural disaster occurrence;
- *date damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent to you.

To receive NAP benefits, producers must complete Form CCC-576, Notice of Loss and Application for Payment The CCC-576 requires producers to provide evidence of production and note whether the crop was marketable, unmarketable, salvaged or used differently than intended.

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Grants & Loans

Farm Transition Grant (FTG)

Can be used for any farm project except the purchase of plants or animals. Can be used for purchase of farm fencing, machinery, energy efficiency improvements to the production facility, buildings & irrigation. This is an applicant match grant so the applicant must come up with 50% of the total cost of the project. Applications due second Friday in November. Information: CT Dept. of Agricultural 860-713-2569

Direct Farm Ownership Loans

Can be used to buy farmland, construct, repair buildings and other fixtures and promote soil & water conservation.

Operating Loans

Can be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other operating expenses. Can also be used to refinance debts under certain conditions. Maximum amount for both loans is \$300,000. For more information contact Ron Clark 860-877-9941 X 105

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860-887-9941 x 105

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Vice-Chairman
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State Executive Director

The Obama Administration announced on July 30th that the new State Executive Director (SED) for Connecticut is Marsha Jette'.

Since 1975, Marsha has served as County Executive Director (CED) in New London County. She also served on the 2007 National County Executive Director Classification Review Committee, and served as State Communications Coordinator for Connecticut and Rhode Island. In this position, she has received 11 performance-based awards. She also worked in various roles for FSA from 1971-1975.

Marsha will begin her duties at the state office on August 17th.

~We welcome Marsha Jette' to her new role!~

Cornucopia Fest 2009

Sunday October 4th Rain or Shine
University of Connecticut
11AM-4PM
860-774-9600 Ext 17