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## KENT & NEW CASTLE FSA UPDATES

### **Big Stuff Happening in both Kent & New Castle Offices:**

1. Annual CRP Rental Payments are being processed.
2. Direct DCP & Direct ACRE Payments are being processed.

(An 8.6% reduction has been applied to all Direct payments due to sequestration)

We are all glad to be back after the Government Shutdown, we are working hard to get all Annual Payments out as quickly as possible. Please check your bank accounts, as the payments will show deposited before you receive your payment receipt in the mail. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

We hope everyone is having a bountiful harvest and we look forward to seeing everyone for Small Grain reporting.

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**Kent County FSA Office**

800 Bay Road, Suite 2  
Dover, DE 19901

## **2014 ACREAGE REPORTING**

All producers are reminded that the acreage reporting date for 2014 fall seeded crops is **DECEMBER 15, 2013**. This applies to all fall seeded crops including winter wheat. Late- File Fee will apply for 2014, please come into

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Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**County Committee Members:**

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Louis Starkey

Regular Session County Committee meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month, beginning at 8:30 a.m., and are open to the public.

**County Office Staff:**

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David Blendt

Linda Brown

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Regular Session County

the office to get your reports filed timely.

December 15 - Small Grains

May 15 - Peas & Potatoes

July 15 - Corn, Soybeans, Vegetable Crops

August 15 - Processing Beans

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## County Committee Elections

Watch your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot starting early next month. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on Nov. 4, 2013. If for some reason you don't receive a ballot, feel free to notify the county FSA office.

Completed and signed ballots must be returned to the county office by close of business on Dec.2, 2013.

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## Increased Guaranteed Loan Limit

The Farm Service Agency has announced that the loan limit for the Guaranteed Loan Program will increase to \$1,355,000 on Oct. 1, 2013. The limit is adjusted annually based on data compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lending limit increases every year according to an inflation index. The maximum combined guaranteed and direct farm loan indebtedness will also increase to \$1,655,000.

As a reminder, the one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed Farm Ownership and Operating loans is 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan.

Producers should contact Jennifer Feindt at (302) 856-3990 ext.107 for any loan questions.

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## Farm Safety

Flowing grain in a storage bin or gravity-flow wagon is like quicksand — it can kill quickly. It takes less than five seconds for a person caught in flowing grain to be trapped.

The mechanical operation of grain handling equipment also presents a real danger. Augers, power take offs, and other moving parts can grab people or clothing.

These hazards, along with pinch points and missing shields, are dangerous

Committee meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month, beginning at 8:30 a.m., and are open to the public.

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enough for adults; not to mention children. It is always advisable to keep children a safe distance from operating farm equipment. Always use extra caution when backing or maneuvering farm machinery. Ensure everyone is visibly clear and accounted for before machinery is engaged.

FSA wants all farmers to have a productive crop year and that begins with putting safety first.

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