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Calhoun County FSA Updates

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Meeting: January 21, 2014,
8:30 AM

Important Dates to Remember

November 1 – MILC Program Deadline for Milk production for October 2008 through September 2013

November 11 - Office closed to observe Veterans Day

November 15 - Final date to report your **2014** perennial forage (alfalfa, hay, mixed hay, pasture), fall-seeded wheat, rye and all other fall seeded small grains

NOTE: Beginning with the November 15, 2013, certification deadline for 2014 crop year perennial forage certifications, a late filing fee will be assessed on crops certified after their respective reporting deadline.

2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) Payments

The Calhoun County FSA office will begin distributing 2013 direct (DCP) payments as early as October 25. Payments were originally scheduled to be issued earlier in October; however, they were delayed by several days due to the lapse in Federal funding.

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011, requires a reduction in most federal payments obligated in 2013, which is known as a sequester. Direct payments issued under the 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) will be reduced 8.6 percent due to sequester-related reductions.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Payment Update

The Calhoun County FSA office has begun distributing the annual Conservation Reserve Program payments. As was the case with the DCP payments, CRP payments were originally scheduled to be issued earlier in October; however, they were delayed by several days due to the lapse in Federal funding.

Payments in October – Have You Changed Banks?

Payments are being made for several programs starting October 23. Since payments are made by direct deposit it is extremely important to update your banking information with the Calhoun County FSA office to ensure your payments arrive timely. If your bank changes names or you close your account, you need to notify our office. Payments will be delayed if we are not aware of changes to accounts and routing numbers.

Report 2014 Wheat and All Hay by November 15, 2013

The date has changed! Producers are required to certify 2014 crop wheat and forage crops by **November 15, 2013**. This includes **2014 wheat, all previously seeded forage (ex: alfalfa, mixed hay), and any other fall-seeded crops**. The reporting deadline has been revised to coincide with crop insurance reporting deadlines. Please be aware that the November 15th deadline applies even if you do not carry crop insurance coverage. **If you report these crops after the November 15, 2013 deadline, a late file fee of at a minimum, \$46 per farm will be assessed.**

New FAX Numbers at the Marshall Service Center

The fax number, (269) 781-3199, that has been utilized by all of the agencies and organizations in the Marshall USDA Service Center is going to be disconnected in the near future. The new fax numbers (they are already in operation) are as follows:

Calhoun County Farm Service Agency (FSA) – (855) 662-9272
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – (855) 781-2332
Calhoun County Conservation District – (855) 781-2332

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