



Eaton County News

Eaton County USDA Service Center

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Hours
Monday – Friday
8:00 – 4:30

County Committee
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Duane Smuts
Jack Holbrook
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County Committee meets
the 1st Wednesday of
each month.

Staff
Lori Aseltine
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Becky Southern
Claude Smith, Field Asst.
Mark Van Buren, CED



DCP/ACRE Program Sign Up

Producers can begin enrolling in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program and the Average Crop Revenue Election for the 2010 crop year. ***The DCP/ACRE enrollment deadline for 2010 is June 1, 2010!***

SURE Program Sign Up

Producers with crop losses in **2008** can begin enrolling in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program. SURE is the permanent “Disaster” program that was part of the 2008 Farm Bill. SURE will look at producers’ revenue over their entire farming operation when determining a loss. Producers must have had crop insurance on all their crops, or participated in the eligibility “Buy Ins” to be eligible for benefits under SURE. Producers will be required to have documentation for all 2008 production to substantiate losses.

County Committee Advisor Position

A newly elected Eaton County Farm Service Agency Committee will take office January 1. We are currently seeking someone to fill our Advisor position. The Advisor is an effort to bring a voice of traditionally underrepresented producers to the County FSA Committee and participates as an active member. The qualifications for the Advisor position are that they be actively participating in farming in Eaton County, and willing to attend monthly Committee meetings. Previous Advisors have gone on to become regular Committee members.

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SPOUSE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Spouses can sign documents on each other's behalf for FSA or CCC programs unless written notification denying this authority has been filed in the County office.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE ACT

Foreign persons who acquire, or hold interest in agricultural land are required to report these holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture. Reports are due within 90 days of a transaction.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Loans are available for the construction of new commodity storage facilities and the expansion of existing facilities. Producers may borrow up to \$500,000 for a term of 7 to 12 years. Storage need, down payment requirements, repayment ability, and loan security requirements must be met for loan approval.

NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) provides crop insurance like loss protection to producers of crops that are not insurable. These include crops grown for food, fiber, livestock consumption, floriculture, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turf grass sod, ginseng, seed crops, and industrial crops. Producers must submit and application and pay an administrative fee for coverage by the crop enrollment date. (Crop enrollment dates vary.) Crop acreage, losses, and production reports for actual production history are required to be filed timely.

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITS FOR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY -

The 2008 farm Bill contained the following new AGI rules for farm program eligibility:

Non farm income exceeds \$500,000:

Ineligible for all commodity , price support and disaster assistance

Farm Income exceeds \$750,000:

Ineligible for direct payments under DCP

Nonfarm income exceeds \$1,000,000:

Ineligible for all conservation program benefits

Dates to Remember	
June 1, 2010	DCP/ACRE Enrollment Deadline
Continues	Continuous CRP Including Filter Strips
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loan

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