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Emmet-Charlevoix County FSA Updates

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County Committee Elections

Ballots were mailed to all eligible voters on November 5, 2012. If for some reason you did not 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. 3, 2012.

LAA1 consisting of: Wawatam, Bliss, Cross Village, Carp Lake, Readmond, Center, McKinley, Friendship, Pleasantview, Maple River, West Traverse, Little Traverse, and Littlefield are voting this year.

2011 Sure Application

Signup for the SURE Program for 2011 crop losses began October 22, 2012 and will end June 7, 2013. Please contact your local FSA Office (231) 347-2133 with any questions.

2013 Record Corrections

All producers with record corrections (i.e.: no longer farming, added a farm, ownership changes) need to start reporting those changes so we can have your records as accurate as possible.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years

are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the U.S. Treasury Department.

Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain
- Pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables - cold storage facilities.

For more information about FSFL visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

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