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Emmet-Charlevoix County FSA Updates

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Election Results

Richard (Dick) Gregory has been elected to serve for LAA #1 which comprises the townships of Wawatam, Bliss, Cross Village, Carp Lake, Readmond, Center, McKinley, Friendship, Pleasantview, Maple River, West Traverse, Little Traverse, and Littlefield. Dick will be serving a three year term on the County Committee for this area.

2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program Applications

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will continue to accept SURE applications for 2011 crop losses through June 7, 2013. The SURE Program provides payments to producers when crop revenues are less than the crop guarantee. The SURE Program payment is equal to 60 percent of the difference between the crop guarantee and revenue.

To determine the guarantee and revenue for the SURE Program, all crops on all farms for a producer are included in the calculation. Payments under the SURE Program are limited to \$100,000.

To be eligible for the 2011 SURE Program, producers must have crop insurance on all insurable crops. For crops that are not covered by crop insurance such as pumpkins and cucumbers, producers must have purchased Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage through FSA. The Crop Insurance and NAP purchase requirement is waived for crops that are not economically significant to the farming operation. In addition, the producer must have at least one crop with a 10 percent production loss in order to be eligible.

For more information concerning the 2011 SURE program or other Farm Service Agency programs, contact your local FSA office or visit the Farm Service Agency website at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/.

New January & February Crop Reporting Deadlines

For 2013 there are new reporting deadlines for specific perennial crops, and they are indicated below:

January 2 -- Honey (Certifying number of Colonies)**

January 15 -- Apples, Blueberries, Cherries, Grapes, Peaches, Apricots, Asparagus, Cranberries, Chestnuts, Cranberries, Currants, Nectarines, Pears, Plums, Prunes, Rhubarb, and Strawberries.

February 1 -- Maple Sap (Number of eligible trees and Taps)**

Please call your local FSA office for more information on the new crop reporting deadlines.

IRS 1099 Changes

Calendar year 2012 has brought changes to the way FSA reports farm program payments to the producer and to the IRS.

In past years, IRS Forms 1099-G would be issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount.

Starting with calendar year 2012, producers whose total reportable payments from FSA are less than \$600 will not receive IRS Form 1099-G. Also, producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive one Form 1099-G if the total of all payments from all counties is \$600 or more.

The same changes will apply to those who normally receive IRS Form 1099-MISC from FSA.

Important Dates and Deadlines

January 1 - Office closed in observance of New Year's Day.

January 2 - Deadline to certify honey and report subsequent years' production for NAP.

January 15 - Final date to report Apples, Blueberries, Cherries, Grapes, Peaches, Apricots, Asparagus, Cranberries, Chestnuts, Cranberries, Currants, Nectarines, Pears, Plums, Prunes, Rhubarb, and Strawberries. Report subsequent years' production for NAP on these crops.

January 31 - Final date to request 2012 wool loan or LDP.

March 1 - The deadline for filing an Emergency (EM) loan application for Disaster Designation S3259

March 15 - Final date to purchase NAP coverage on most spring seeded NAP crops.

March 31 - Final date to request a 2012-crop small grains and honey loans or LDP.

April 29 - The deadline for filing an Emergency (EM) loan application for Disaster Designation S3370

May 31 - Final date to request 2012-crop feed grains, oilseeds loans or LDP.

***Note:** Contact your local FSA office for more information on EM loan designations.

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