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Hillsdale County FSA Updates

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COC meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

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From the CED's Desk

Spring is here! After an unusually mild and wet winter, we are seeing an early spring. When you complete your spring planting, or on a rainy day, stop by the office and pick up your maps. On each field, write the crop planted and the date it was planted. When you return your maps to the office, we will schedule an appointment for you to sign your annual crop certification.

You will need to report fall planted crops, such as wheat, by June 30. All spring planted crops must be reported by July 15, 2012. All crops reported after these deadlines will incur a late fee of \$46 per farm.

If the weather changes (as it often does in Michigan) and you are unable to plant your crops, remember to **report your Prevent Plant for corn by June 20** and **Prevent Plant for soybeans by June 30**. If you report after these dates, you must pay for a farm visit (\$46 per farm) and your prevent plant may be disapproved.

If you have not signed up for the 2012 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) or ACRE, call the office. **Sign up ends June 1.** This year, there will be no advance payments made. You will receive your payment in October.

Continuous CRP sign up is available for those who want to put their land into the Conservation Reserve Program. Some areas of the county have special programs for CRP and your land may be eligible. Call the office to set up an appointment.

Due to budget constraints, there are changes happening throughout FSA. One of our program technicians, Jamie Wegner, has transferred to the Adrian office. We wish her well in her new location! We are not going to fill her position, so we appreciate you making appointments. In this way we can better serve all of our customers by being better prepared and it should shorten the time you spend in the office.

Wishing you all a safe planting season! And, as always, please call if you have any questions!

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Linda

Dates to Remember

May 31 - Final date to obtain loans on 2011 corn and soybeans

June 1 - Deadline for DCP/ACRE enrollment

June 20 - Final date for Prevent Plant Corn

June 30 - Final date for Prevent Plant Soybeans

June 30 - Final date to report Wheat

July 15 - Final date to report all other crops and CRP



Come Visit us at Ag-Expo!

For more information about FSA Programs, please stop by our booth at this year's MSU Ag Expo, July 17-19.

Go to www.agexpo.msu.edu for details of this event! We hope to see you there.

Sign Up for DCP

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment runs through June 1.

Here are some important reminders:

All producers planting on DCP base acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of the DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.

Any changes on the farm after enrolling in DCP/ACRE must be reported to your local FSA office before September 30, 2012. Changes may include:

- Ownership changes
- Producer changes (including changes to an Entity)
- Change in crop shares

If you have not signed up, call the office to make an appointment before June 1. 517-849-9890 X 2

SURE - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program

We are currently accepting applications for the crop losses that occurred in 2010. The sign up ends June 1, 2012.

SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that occurred in the 2010 crop year. SURE is available to eligible producers on:

- Farms with quality and/or quantity losses in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties.
- Any farm that suffered a 50% loss on actual production due to disaster related conditions.

Call the office for more information.

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