

June 2012



## Hillsdale County FSA Updates

### Dates to Remember

**May 31** - Final date to obtain loans on 2011 corn & 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

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## Crop Reporting

**Don't forget to report your crops!** Only 25% of crops have been reported in Hillsdale County and it looks like most fields are planted. If you have completed your spring planting, 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 the Crop Report.

**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.

Remember, the annual, timely and accurate reporting of acres for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. Cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, Marketing Assistance Loans, and Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program. Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments.

#### A note on Failed Acreage:

Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

## Milk Income Loss (MILC)

FSA's Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. MILC payments are made when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight (cwt) as adjusted by the dairy feed ration adjustment.

MILC Payments have been triggered for both February and March. (continued on next page)

**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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## **CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE (HEL & WETLAND)**

Producers intending to remove fence rows, convert woodlots to cropland, install new drainage, or improve or modify existing drainage, must notify the FSA and update Form AD-1026. The Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) will make HEL and wetland technical determinations. Farmers with HEL determined soils are reminded to adhere to the tillage, crop residue and rotation requirements per their conservation plan. Failure to obtain ADVANCE approval for any of these situations can result in the loss of eligibility and all federal payments.

In order to receive payment, producers must submit their monthly milk production statements (usually starting with February 2012). New producers are encouraged to apply for the program any time before Sept. 30, 2012.

For more information go to:  
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=mpp-mi>

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## **CRP-Continuous, SAFE, CREP**

Producers may be eligible to enroll cropland into the Conservation Reserve Program or CRP. Current CRP ongoing signups include Continuous, SAFE, and CREP. There are specific planting requirements depending on the eligible signup.

CRP pays agricultural producers to use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. CRP addresses erosion problems, provides improved wildlife habitat, and promotes better water, soil, and air quality.

Participants in CRP receive a rental payment each year. Rental rates are competitive with current cropland lease rates. With these types of sign-ups, participants can receive up to 100% reimbursement for money spent on establishing specific ground cover and planting trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. CRP contracts are binding for 10 to 15 years.

To be eligible for CRP, the producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months. In addition, land must have been cropped for the majority of the years from 2002 to 2007. There are special provisions for land that has been planted to hay.

For more information, call the office at 517-849-9890 or online at:  
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=mi&area=home&subject=prog&topic=landing>



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**Wishing you a day of remembrance with thankfulness for the freedoms we enjoy in the USA.**

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