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Huron County FSA Update

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Acreage Reporting Deadline: Nov 15, 2012

In order to more closely align with reporting deadlines for crop insurance, farmers in Huron County must now certify fall-seeded small grain (e.g. wheat) and perennial forage (e.g. alfalfa, hay) by **November 15th 2012**:

Further, please note that the deadline to report **prevented planting** (PP) acreage of **wheat** is **November 09, 2012**. That date reflects the requirement to have all PP acres reported within 15 days of the final planting date [Oct 25, 2012]. With recent weather conditions, we expect many questions regarding PP scenarios and will work with you and your insurance agent to ensure compliance for crop year 2013.

Dairy Production Evidence for MILC Deadline: Nov 1, 2012

Participants in the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program must have production evidence submitted to the Huron County office by **November 1, 2012** to be eligible for payments. The current MILC price support program was authorized for 2008-2012 and expired September 30, 2012. It compensated dairy producers when domestic milk prices (adjusted for feed cost) fell below a specified level.

If you have not submitted production records or supporting documentation, please do so before **November 1, 2012**.

2011 Crop Losses? SURE Program Sign-up has Begun: October 22, 2012 - June 7, 2013

Huron County received a Secretarial disaster declaration in 2011 for excessive rain/flood conditions. If you experienced eligible crop losses in 2011, you may be eligible for Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program benefits. Sign up begins **October 22, 2012 and continues to June 7, 2013** for eligible producers.

In order to be eligible for a possible payment you must have suffered at least a 10% loss on at least one crop of economic significance and have carried crop insurance coverage for all crops of economic significance. Crops of economic significance include those which represent at least 5% of your total crop revenue. Insurance requirements vary if you are a beginning farmer, socially disadvantaged or a limited resource producer.

Dates to Remember:

November 1 - Final day to submit milk receipts for MILC Program

November 6 – Election Day

November 12 - Office Closed in observance of Veteran's Day

November 15 - Crop reporting deadline for perennial forages and fall planted crops

November 22 - Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day

Power of Attorney

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., we have a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact your office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information. In some instances, such as with market assistance (stored commodity) loans, a power of attorney form will need to be completed for husband and wife, if both do not come into the office to sign the forms on the day the loan is disbursed.

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