

September 2012



## Ingham/Livingston County FSA Updates

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### USDA-FSA Dairy Producer Deadline to Report Production- November 1, 2012.

The current milk support program compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices adjusted for feed cost fall below a specified level. This program has been in place for fiscal years 2008 through 2012, and will end September 30<sup>th</sup> 2012. Participating dairy producers submit production evidence and receive payments accordingly. Eligible milk producers that participate in the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program **must** provide **final production evidence and supporting documentation by November 1, 2012.** For more clarification on the MILC Program, please contact the Ingham/Livingston County FSA Office at 517-676-4644 Ext 2.

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### COC Election Timeline

The Local Administrative Areas which have COC elections this year are LAA 1 and 4. If you are an eligible voter in these areas please take the time to open, complete and return your ballot! Write in candidates are permitted.

Nov 5th	Ballots mailed to eligible voters
Dec 3rd	Deadline to return completed ballots to FSA county office
Jan 1st	New committee members and alternates take office

If you feel that you are eligible to vote and but did not receive a ballot please call the FSA Office to request a ballot.

Receive this newsletter directly to your email address via GovDelivery!  
Contact your FSA Office with your email address.

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## NAP Coverage for Uninsurable Crops

Crop Insurance is a way to help offset crop revenue losses but some crops are uninsurable by FCIC and this varies by county. For these types of crops, you can purchase catastrophic type coverage under the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The cost is \$250 per crop with a maximum of \$750 per county and \$1,875 per producer for multi-county producers.

**REMEMBER – Without crop insurance or NAP on all significant crops, you may NOT be eligible for National Disaster Programs.**

**THE DEADLINE for purchasing your 2013 policies is as follows:**

- **September 30, 2012:** Mixed Hay, Alfalfa, and other perennial forage
- **November 20, 2012:** Apples, Peaches, Cherries, Blueberries, Raspberries & Strawberries
- **February 1-** Onion sales closing date
- **March 15, 2013:** Most vegetables and annual fruits
- **On-Going** - Farm Storage Facility Loans
- **On Going-** Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

There are many other crops covered by NAP. In counties where crops are covered by crop insurance, FSA cannot sell a NAP policy for that specific crop. Call your local FSA Office for more information.

## New Crop Reporting Deadlines for 2013

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the establishment of 15 common Acreage Reporting Dates (ARDs) for farmers and ranchers participating in their programs. The common reporting dates will reduce the reporting burden on producers and also help to reduce USDA operating costs by sharing similar data across participating agencies. USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) each rely on ARDs to administer their programs.

For crop year 2013, these are the new Michigan crop reporting deadlines:

- **November 15th 2012** - perennial forage, fall wheat and other fall- seeded small grains
- **January 15th 2013** - apples, blueberries, cherries, grapes, peaches
- **July 15th 2013** - spring barley, early cabbage, corn, forage seeding, hybrid corn seed, spring oats, potatoes, and all other crops.
- **August 15th 2013** - cabbage planted 6/1-7/20 and processing beans

Many producers now have multiple reporting deadlines. The first being November 15th on hay and fall planted fields and again on July 15th, for annual spring planted crops.

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## Farm Service Agency Deadlines

**September 30th** – Deadline to report succession-in-interest for 2012 DCP contracts.

**September 30th** – Final date to purchase NAP coverage for alfalfa, clover graze & forage, grass, mixed forage, rye, spelt.

**October 8th** – Office closed for Columbus Day.

**November 1st** – Deadline to submit final production evidence and any supporting documentation for the Milk Income Loss (MILC) program.

**November 12th** - Office closed in observance of Veterans' Day holiday.

**NEW - November 15th - 2013 crop reporting deadline for fall-seeded small grains, including wheat, rye, & spelt.**

**November 20th** – Final date to purchase NAP coverage for apples, apricots, asparagus, blueberries, cane

berries, cherries, cranberries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, rhubarb, strawberries.

**November 22nd** - Office closed for Thanksgiving Day holiday.

**December 1st** – Final date to purchase NAP coverage for honey, maple sap.

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## Emergency Loans

Multiple Disaster Designations have been issued affecting Michigan counties. Area counties have been designated eligible for Emergency farm loans. The loans cover losses caused by the combined effects of several weather events during the winter and spring of 2012, and continuing, including excessive heat, drought and frost/freeze. Qualifying producers may receive Emergency Loans at an interest rate of 2.125%. To be eligible, a farm must have suffered at least a 30% loss in one of its major crops, due to one of the covered perils and be unable to obtain similar financing from a commercial lender (other eligibility requirements also apply). Applications will be accepted through March 1, 2013, or April 29, 2013, depending on the cause of the loss. If you have any questions regarding Emergency Loans or other FSA Farm Loan Programs, please contact our office.

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## Special Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the FSA county office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

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