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Ingham and Livingston County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee

Meeting: September, 19, 2013
at 9:30 AM

Late-filed Acreage Reports and DCP!

Producers can still submit late-filed acreage reports and contracts for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program but you must act as **soon as possible!** There is a very limited window for accepting these documents. Don't miss out on your 2013 DCP payments! Acreage reports are also necessary to keep up your records for future programs. If you have any questions or need to make an appointment, please contact the Ingham FSA office 517-676-4644

Important Reminder about 2014 Hay, Wheat, Fall Planted Rye Crop!

The date has changed! As of 2013, producers are required to certify wheat and forage crops by **November 15, 2013** to avoid a **late file fee** of \$46 per farm. This includes all **planted 2014 wheat, all previously seeded forage (ex: alfalfa, mixed hay), and any other fall-seeded crops.** The reporting deadline has been revised to coincide with crop insurance reporting deadlines. Please be aware that the November 15th deadline applies even if you do not carry crop insurance coverage.

Planning on Tiling or Clearing Trees?

Unauthorized tiling or clearing of trees or fence rows may jeopardize your eligibility and ALL of your USDA payments! If you are planning to perform any land leveling, filling, dredging, draining, excavation, land clearing, or stump removal that has not been evaluated by NRCS, come and file the necessary documentation at the FSA office ASAP.

MILC Production Deadline

Final production evidence for MILC program payments **MUST** be received in this office by **Close of Business**, November 1, 2013. All production evidence for milk produced during the months of October 2008 through September 2013 for which a payment was available must be received in this office by 11-1-2013 if not previously submitted. Any production for which there is a payment available that is received after November 1, 2013 **will not be paid**.

Microloans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) developed the Microloan (ML) program to better serve the unique financial operating needs of beginning, niche and the smallest of family farm operations by modifying its Operating Loan (OL) application, eligibility and security requirements. The program will offer more flexible access to credit and will serve as an attractive loan alternative for smaller farming operations like specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA). These smaller farms, including non-traditional farm operations, often face limited financing options.

Microloans can be used for all approved operating expenses as authorized by the FSA Operating Loan Program, including but not limited to:

- Initial start-up expenses;
- Annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents;
- Marketing and distribution expenses;
- Family living expenses;
- Purchase of livestock, equipment, and other materials essential to farm operations;
- Minor farm improvements such as wells and coolers.
- Hoop houses to extend the growing season;
- Essential tools;
- Irrigation;
- Delivery vehicles.

Click on the following link to learn more or contact Farm Loan Officer, Teresa Stewart at 989-723-8263

[Microloans](#)

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