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Kent County FSA Office **Meet the County Committee Candidates**

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Next County Committee
Meeting: December 4, 2013 at
9:00 AM

Eligible voters in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2 consisting of the townships of: Tyrone, Solon, Sparta, Algoma, Alpine, Walker, Grand Rapids, and Ada will be receiving a ballot in the mail to elect a County Committee Member to represent that area in the upcoming Kent County Committee Election. The candidates are:

- Ronald Alt
- Jason Bradford
- James May

Ballots will be mailed on November 4, 2013 and must be returned and /or postmarked by December 2, 2013. Ballot counting will take place on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 9:30 AM. This meeting is open to the public.

Important Reminder Regarding 2014 Acreage Certification Deadlines

The 2014 acreage reporting date for fall seeded crops (wheat, barley, etc.) and forage crops has changed. The revised acreage reporting date now coincides with Risk Management's crop reporting date. The revised acreage reporting date is now November 15th, 2013.

Please mark your calendar regarding this deadline and contact your local Farm Service Agency office to schedule an appointment.

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Production Deadline

Final production evidence for the MILC program must be received in this office by **Close of Business, November 1, 2013**. All production evidence for milk produced during the MILC contract period which ends September 30, 2013 must be received in the office by this deadline date.

Commodity Loans Available

Commodity loans, also referred to as Marketing Assistance Loans are available to producers who share in the risk of producing an eligibility commodity. To be eligible, producers must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan – even if the producer regains beneficial interest.

Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans. The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.

NEW: For individuals requesting a loan, a copy of your unexpired driver's license is required. This includes individuals and spouses for verification and proper filing of financing statements.

2013 COMMODITY LOAN RATES

Barley	\$1.79
Corn	\$1.89
Oats	\$1.38
Soybeans	\$4.92
Red Wheat	\$2.55
White Wheat	\$2.52

NRCS Conservation Programs: Forest Management Plans

A Forest Management Plan (FMP) is a site-specific plan that is written to achieve landowner's goals for their forestland by working with a skilled forester. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial assistance to support the development of FMPs in Michigan. By having a FMP, you may be eligible for further EQIP assistance to help implement items that are addressed in the plan. Please contact your local NRCS Grand Rapids Field Office at (616) 942-4111 ext. 3 for more information.

Important Dates to Remember

September 30th – Deadline to purchase 2014 NAP insurance for; Mixed hay, alfalfa, rye and fall seeded crops

October 14th – Office closed to observe Columbus Day Holiday

November 4th – COC Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in LAA 2

November 11th – Office closed to observe Veteran's Day Holiday

November 15th – Last day to submit acreage reports for 2014 perennial Forage and fall seeded crops.

November 20th – Deadline to purchase 2014 NAP insurance for: Orchard crops, fruits and various vegetables.

November 28th – Office closed to observe Thanksgiving Day Holiday

December 1st – Deadline to purchase 2014 NAP insurance for; Honey & Maple Sap

December 2nd – Deadline to return ballots to your local FSA Office for COC Election 2013 for LAA 2

December 25th – Office closed to observe Christmas Day Holiday.

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