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Lenawee County FSA Updates

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Next meeting:
September 18th at 8:30am

Crop and Conservation Reserve Program Certification

After planting, producers should certify their 2013 acreage. Participants in CRP and other programs are required to certify annually. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of FSA programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops enrolled in programs other than the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), acreage reports are to be certified by August 2nd this year.

Nomination Petition Deadline

Agricultural producers have until August 1, 2013, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local FSA County Committees.

Please get involved this year and nominate the candidate of your choice or nominate yourself to serve on your local county committee. We encourage the nomination of beginning farmers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in the county. The election this year is for producers in the following townships: Woodstock, Cambridge, Franklin, Clinton, Tecumseh, Macon, Rome and Adrian.

FSA county committees help local farmers through their decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs and disaster programs, and by working closely with county executive directors.

To be eligible to hold office as a county committee member, individuals must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and live in the local administrative area where they are running. A complete list of eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

All nominees must sign the nomination form FSA-669A. All nomination forms for the 2013 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 1, 2013. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 4 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on December 2, 2013. The newly elected county committee members will take office January 1, 2014.

Commodity Program Signup Deadline Approaches

The sign-up period for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) ends on August 2nd. Please call 263-7400 extension 106 for an appointment soon. Land owners should report to FSA if they have rented their land to a new operator for 2013 crop year. If a farm operator chooses to not participate in FSA programs, the land owner may want to file a crop report each year to keep the cropping history current. This may be a benefit to the land owner should they want to participate in future programs.

For more information on FSA programs, visit the FSA office at 1100 Sutton Road in Adrian or go to: www.fsa.usda.gov.

Marketing Assistance Loans

Short-term financing is available by obtaining low interest commodity loans on wheat and other crops. A nine-month Marketing Assistance Loan provides financing that allows producers to store production for later marketing. The crop may be stored on the farm or in the warehouse.

Loans are available for producers who share in the risk of producing the eligible commodity and maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the duration of the loan. Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity, responsibility for loss because of damage to the commodity and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, it is ineligible for a loan.

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