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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee
Nick Hanchek, Chair
Janis Linderoth, Vice
Chair
Michelle Pellegrini,
Member
Mike Brzoznowski,
Member
Roy Forray, Member

County Committee
meets
3rd Thursday of each
month @ 10:00 A.M.

Staff
Denise Wilson, PT
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County Committee Election Results

Two new members were elected to the County Committee. Michelle Pellegrini representing LAA5 - Dickinson County received 78 votes and Roy Forray representing LAA3 – Menominee County received 108 votes. Refer to the proposed meeting schedule listed on the left.

Crop & Acreage Reporting

Producers interested in program benefits are required to file crop and acreage reports yearly on all cropland they have an interest in. The deadline is June 30th for fall seeded small grains & July 15th for all other crops. For crops covered under a NAP policy the acreage report must be filed 15 days before the onset of harvest or grazing. For 2010 value loss crops such as Christmas Trees the final reporting date was September 30, 2009.

NAP Notice of Loss

If a weather event causes crop damage resulting in a lower yield, producers must file a loss claim with the county office by the earlier of: 15 days after the disaster event or when the loss becomes apparent OR 15 days after the normal harvest date of the crop. Do not destroy the evidence of the loss until the acreage is released by a Loss Adjustor.

Adjusted Gross Income

USDA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for the tax review process. **No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to FSA.**

The agreement ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) to the Internal Revenue Service by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices or online at:
<http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms>

Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the County FSA office staff directly or by phone.

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2010 DCP Signup

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) **has begun and will continue through June 1, 2010.** USDA urges producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up, or producers can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP contract. USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Advance payments are available @ 22%.

If you are interested in receiving Newsletters by E-Mail contact susan.devoe@mi.usda.gov Or by phone 906 753 6921

2010 Lease Requirements

Effective for 2010 rental agreements and leases must include 1) Land Owner/s Name/s, Signature/s and Signature Date, 2) Farm Operator Name, Signature and Signature Date 3) Length of Lease - list the year/s 4) Type of Lease - Cash or Share

The County Office is no longer able to provide "fill in" lease statements.

SURE

Applications for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) are being taken for the 2008 Crop Year. SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disaster. Crop insurance / NAP on all crops of economic significance in all counties is required except for grazed acreage. Contact the office today to schedule an appointment.

Visit our Web site at:
www.fsa.usda.gov/mi

Dates to Remember	
May 31	Memorial Day – Office Closed
June 1	Last day to enroll in DCP & ACRE
June 30	Last day to certify fall seeded small grain crops
July 15	Last day to certify most crops and CRP
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program
FSFL	Continuous Farm Storage Facility Loans

Selected Interest Rates for April 2010	
Farm Storage Facility Loans 7 yr.	3.1250%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 10 yr.	3.625%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 12 yr.	4.000%
Commodity Loans 1996 - Present	1.375%

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