



September 2012

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## NAP Coverage for 2013

*September 30, 2012 is the final date to purchase 2013 NAP coverage on:*

- wheat; both fall & spring seeded
- rye
- all pasture types
- Alfalfa (excluding Menominee)
- mixed forages including peas & oats

## MILC Program Changes Effective September 1

The payment rate for marketed milk drops from 45% to 34% of the difference between the Boston Class I price & the \$16.94 trigger. The feed-cost trigger will be raised from \$7.35 to \$9.50. The maximum eligible quantity for payment drops from 2.985 million pounds down to 2.4 million pounds. These changes will significantly affect contract payments.

## Farm Storage Facility Loans

FSFLs are available on grain storage bins; new or renovated, bunker silos, cold storage for fruits or vegetables and hay storage. To maintain eligibility ensure that you do not start your project until you are notified in writing by the County Committee that your application has been approved. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$100 per loan. Interest rates are locked in for the term of the loan based on the rate in effect for the month the loan is approved.

## September FSFL Interest Rates:

- 1.125% for a 7 year loan
- 1.625% for a 10 year loan
- 1.875% for a 12 year loan

## Minority Farm Register

Do you know a fellow farmer or neighbor farmer that is a minority? The USDA Minority Farm Register is a tool to promote equal access to USDA farm programs and services for minority farmland owners, farmers, ranchers, tenants, and other individuals with an agricultural interest. Share this information with them and ask that they contact the county office for more information.

## DCP LEASES

Have you turned in all of your leases on farms with DCP contracts from 2009 – 2012. Don't miss out on the DCP payment by missing the deadline of September 30, 2012.

## New Method for Processing Customer Check Payments

FSA is moving toward an electronic method for processing customer check payments. Once a check is presented for payment it will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The check will be scanned into the system, voided, held until it clears the bank/credit union & then shredded. The funds will be debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt. The transaction may be recorded on your monthly statement as "other withdrawal" or "other transaction".

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## Secretarial Disaster Designations

Disaster designations become available after a weather event causes production losses or physical loss damage. Eligible producers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) low-interest Emergency (EM) Loans. September's interest rate for an EM Loan is 2.125%. Contact the Farm Loan Program staff in Gladstone @ 906 428 3361 for more information.

### Disaster Designation - S3232

Effective Date: 1/27/2012

Weather Event: drought and excessive heat

Event Date: May 15, 2012 and continuing

Counties – Baraga, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Menominee, Ontonagon

Application Deadline: September 27, 2012

### Disaster Designation N-1100

Effective Date: 6/08/2012

Weather Event: high winds

Event Date: occurring on 5/28/2012

Counties – Dickinson, Menominee

Application Deadline: February 8, 2013

### Disaster Designation S3259

Effective Date: 6/29/2012

Weather Event: Freeze

Event Date: January 1, 2012 through May 11, 2012

Counties – Baraga, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Menominee, Ontonagon

Application Deadline – March 1, 2013

### Disaster Designation S3306

Effective Date: 7/25/2012

Weather Event: unseasonably early thaw, & excessive heat

Event Date - beginning July 25, 2012

Counties – Dickinson, Gogebic, Iron, Menominee

Application Deadline: March 25, 2013

November 15, 2012 is the New Deadline to file your 2013 crop and acreage reports for Perennial Forages, Pastures & Fall Seeded Small Grains. The purpose of this revised date is to have your report filed prior to any damaging winter or spring weather.

Call the office today to set up an appointment.