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Saginaw County FSA Updates

Saginaw County FSA Office

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County Committee:

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Next County Committee Meeting:

Dec. 09, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Report 2014 Wheat and All Hay by November 15, 2013

The date has changed!!!! Producers are required to certify wheat and forage crops by **November 15, 2013**. This includes **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 the November deadline applies even if you do not carry crop insurance coverage. If you report these crops after the deadline a late file fee of **\$46.00 per farm** will be assessed.

MILC Production Deadline

Final evidence for MILC program **MUST** be received in this office by close of business on **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 the office by this date if they were not previously submitted. **Payments will not be made on any production evidence that is received after November 1, 2013.**

CRP Annual Payments

Due to a lapse in government funding from October 1st-16th, the CRP payments are being processed and should be deposited by the end of this month. So please be patient. We are trying to get them out as soon as we can.

DCP/ACRE Payments

Due to a lapse in government funding from October 1st - 16th, DCP/ACRE payments have been slightly delayed. We expect to have the software to start processing them on October 24, 2013. Note that 2013 DCP/ACRE direct payments will have a sequestration percentage of 8.6% applied to the payment amount (determined after all reductions have been applied).

November 4, 2013 Ballots to be mailed

Since COC elections happen only once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into *local administrative areas (LAAs)*. Each LAA selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee. Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three year term is expiring. In counties with three LAAs (including Saginaw) one seat is up for election. December 2, 2013 is the deadline to return them.

Farm Record Changes

Remember to provide **ALL** changes to your local FSA office for the current crop year. If you are changing your operation, entity type, adding or dropping cropland or farms, or adding entities to your operation, contact the Saginaw FSA office so we can update your file.

Changing Bank Accounts

All FSA payments should be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if your bank is purchased by another financial institution. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to account and routing numbers.

Power of Attorney

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., FSA has a power of attorney form (specifically for the FSA office and its programs) available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information.

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