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St. Clair/Macomb County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting:
December, 5, 2013 at 9:00 AM

The noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) is a federally funded program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and certain crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. Application for coverage must be filed by the applicable crop's application closing date and must be accompanied with coverage payment. Production records for all crops must be reported to the FSA office no later than the application closing date for the crop for the following year. FSA requires that any production reported in a loss year be verifiable according to agency specifications. NAP losses must be reported within 15 days of loss

Important Dates to Remember:

October 14 - Office closed to observe Columbus Day Holiday

November 1 - Deadline for Milk production for October 2008 through September 2013

November 11 - Office closed to observe Veterans Day

November 15 - Final date to report your **2014** perennial forage (alfalfa, hay, mixed hay, pasture), fall-seeded wheat, rye and all other fall seeded small grains

NOTE: Beginning with the November 15, 2013, certification deadline for 2014 crop year perennial forage certifications, a late filing fee will be assessed on crops certified after their respective reporting deadline.

November 20 - Final date to purchase NAP coverage on asparagus, blueberries, cane berries, cherries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, rhubarb and strawberries

Changes in Your Farming Operation

If you have bought or sold land, or if you have picked up or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to your FSA office as soon as possible. Failure to maintain accurate records can cause program ineligibility and penalties. Timely reporting of changes **NOW** saves time come next spring.

Also, don't forget to update signature authority when changes in your operation occur.

Historical Aerial Photos Available

The United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency has been collecting aerial photography of the United States for over half a century. These aerial photos were originally collected to support federal farm programs throughout the United States. This historic film is now stored at the USDA's Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO) in Salt Lake City, Utah.

USDA aerial photos are high resolution images taken during the growing season and clearly show features such as roads, buildings, vegetation, trees and waterways. Most of these projects covered entire counties over large parts of the U.S. at least once a decade.

The APFO believes that these historic photos would be of great interest to the general public.

The APFO is able to print or digitally scan these photos for public use. Our print photos and scans start as low as \$13.00 each. We can also certify our photos for use as evidence in court for a small fee.

Additional information about the APFO and available aerial imagery is available at:

www.apfo.usda.gov

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