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Sanilac County FSA Updates

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2012 DCP and ACRE PROGRAM SIGN-UP DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

Do you want your 2012 farm payment? The Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program sign-up **deadline for 2012 is June 1, 2012**. If you do not sign your contract, you won't receive a payment. Please contact the office today to see if you need to sign-up. If you don't do it now, you may forget when you're busy planting. We are currently taking appointments and would be happy to get you signed up as soon as possible.



MILC PAYMENT RATES IN EFFECT



Attention dairy farmers: Have you signed your Milk Income Loss Contract? Have you submitted February and March milk production evidence? If not, you will want to do so immediately. There could be payments waiting for you! The February MILC payment rate was

\$0.3895043 per cwt. March has a payment of \$0.8262432 per cwt.

If you have signed up and submitted production evidence but are still not receiving payments, please check with the office to ensure that you have also signed an Adjusted Gross Income form for 2012. This certification must be on file before any payments can be made to you.

TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Please help us spread the word and keep your neighbors informed. Due to budget constraints we have moved to a paperless delivery of newsletters. While this change has been well received by many of you, there are still those who will not have easy access to the internet to get program updates. We will do our best to keep you informed and we hope you will help us get the word out. Thank you!

CROP CERTIFICATION DEADLINES

Remember us after you park your planters! Avoid late-file fees by certifying your planted acreage timely. Your fall-seeded crops i.e. wheat, need to be certified by **June 30, 2012**. Spring seeded crops must be certified by **July 15, 2012**. Please call for an appointment as soon as you are done planting. Having an appointment will allow us to serve you better and cut down on the time you spend waiting!



CRP and CREP PARTICIPANTS

You must file an acreage report annually to certify your Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) acres. This is a compliance requirement of your CRP or CREP contract. Please make sure you have submitted your acreage **report by July 15, 2012**. You may call for an appointment to certify or request to have the documents mailed to you.

2010 SURE DISASTER PROGRAM DEADLINE

The Supplemental Revenue program requires that you file an application for any **2010** crop losses by **June 1, 2012**. If you have any losses which you feel may qualify you for a payment please contact the office immediately to have us calculate your data. This program includes revenue from all crops of economic significance (at least 5% of your total farm revenue) and you are required to carry crop insurance with limited exceptions. Please contact the office at your earliest convenience if you feel you have losses, as this calculation takes some time to process.

ARE YOU CLEARING OR TILING LAND?

Please remember to visit our office to request a Highly Erodible and Wetland Certification before you clear or tile any land. This simple form (AD-1026) will allow you peace of mind and could potentially save you many headaches down the road. If you drain a wetland or clear trees in a wetland there are stiff penalties! One quick visit can make all the difference.

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