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## Sanilac County FSA Updates

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### Sanilac County

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### CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing

The Secretary of Agriculture has opened up **specific practices** on CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) acres for Emergency Haying and Grazing due to recent drought conditions.

2012 Emergency Haying starts **August 1, 2012** and ends **August 31, 2012**.

- CRP contract participants may sell the hay that is harvested.
- Only 50% of each CRP field may be harvested.
- All baled/cut hay must be removed from fields by **Sept. 15, 2012**.
- Filter Strips are NOT eligible.
- Areas in fields within 150 feet of water or ditches are NOT eligible.

2012 Emergency Grazing starts **August 1, 2012** and ends **Sept. 30, 2012**

- Only 75% of each field may be grazed or graze at 75% carrying capacity

#### 2012 Emergency Haying or Grazing requires:

- A request form signed by everyone on the CRP Contract
- A modified Conservation Plan
- Written approval from COC
- Reported Acres
- A 10% reduction in the annual payment on Acres hayed or grazed

Please contact the office at 810-648-2998 extension 2 if you have questions.

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### FLP Staff Updates

As of June 1, 2012, Steven W. Craig, former Farm Loan Manager of the Sanilac County Office has taken a new position with the Agency as a Farm Loan Specialist. At the current time, he is based out of the Sanilac County Office, but will be spending time each week at other offices that he is now responsible for as a Farm Loan Specialist.

Your loans will continue to be serviced and any new applications will be processed out of the Sanilac County Office. Kaylee Erickson, who has been the Farm Loan Officer Trainee at this office for almost two years, will continue to work here.

Please be aware that your loans will still be serviced out of the Sanilac County Office, and all payments, applications, and contacts should continue to be made at this office.

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## Emergency Loans

Secretarial Disaster Designation S3259 has been declared for Sanilac County, along with 72 other Michigan counties. Producers must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss in production losses in order to qualify. Up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses may be borrowed, to a maximum amount of \$500,000. These applications will be accepted through March 1, 2013.

The interest rate for emergency actual loss loans has now changed to 2.25%.

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## Submit Milk Production for MILC Program

FSA's Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. MILC payments are made when the Boston Class I milk price falls below \$16.94 per hundredweight (cwt) as adjusted by the dairy feed ration adjustment.

Eligible producers should submit current monthly milk production statements for payment. Eligibility for 2012 must be completed before payments can be disbursed. Please contact the office to check the status of your eligibility. New producers are encouraged to apply for the program any time before Sept. 30, 2012.

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## Marketing Assistance Loans Available

USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes available nonrecourse marketing assistance loans (MAL) for certain commodities. MAL's provide producers interim financing at harvest time to meet cash flow without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically low. The loans carry a nine month maturity and can be repaid with cash from disbursement to loan maturity.

The final date to request a loan on 2012 small grains is March 31, 2013 and May 31, 2013 for feed grain and oilseeds.

### 2012 CROP YEAR LOAN RATES

Barley	\$1.77
Corn	\$1.88
Oats	\$1.38
Soybeans	\$4.96
Red Wheat	\$2.70
White Wheat	\$2.76

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## Paper Check Conversion Coming to FSA

FSA/CCC is moving toward OTCnet, an electronic method for processing customer check payments. When a check is submitted for payment either in person or through the mail, the check will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt. Please see the U.S. Department of Treasury legal notices posted in the Service Center or visit the following U.S. Department of Treasury Internet site for detailed information:

<http://fms.treas.gov/otcnet/legal.html>

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## Important Deadlines

**November 15, 2012** – Wheat, small grain and forage crops must be certified at your local FSA office. \*This is a change for the 2013 crop year, please mark your calendars.

**July 15, 2013** – ACRE farms must submit all 2012 production. \*If you have your records readily available after harvest we will gladly accept production evidence early.

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