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Sanilac County FSA Updates

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COC Election Results

Congratulations to Constance Kreger of Snover. Connie was elected to represent the residents of Lamotte, Moore, Custer, Bridgehampton, Marlette, Elmer, Watertown, Washington and Sanilac Townships on the County Committee (COC). This is Connie's first term and the office staff and COC members look forward to working with her.

We say a fond farewell to COC member Mark Stone and thank him for serving area farmers through his 3 terms (9 years) on the committee.

Farm Loan Borrowers—Be Prepared

Producers who have farm loans with FSA are reminded that you must provide data for a Year End Analysis (YEA) to your loan officer each year. Borrowers are urged to provide balance sheets, projected cash flows and actual income and expense statements timely so that your files can be maintained. The office will be contacting you for this data beginning in January of 2012. Please be prepared for your office appointment.

Highly Erodible Lands and Wetland Compliance

Producers participating in most programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are required to abide by certain conditions on any land owned or farmed that is highly erodible or that is considered a wetland.

To be in compliance with the highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions, producers must agree, that they will not:

- Produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land without a conservation system;
- Plant an agricultural commodity on a converted wetland;



- Convert a wetland to make possible the production of an agricultural commodity.

Producers planning to remove fence rows, convert woodlots to cropland, combine crop fields, divide a crop field into two or more fields, install new drainage, or improve or modify existing drainage, must notify the FSA and update Form AD-1026. FSA will notify NRCS and NRCS will then provide highly erodible land or wetland technical determinations.

To get additional information on highly erodible land and wetland conservation compliance contact the FSA office or the NRCS office at a local USDA Service Center. Additional information about conservation programs offered by FSA can be found online at www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation, and information on NRCS programs can be found at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>.

IRS 1099 Changes

Calendar year 2012 has brought changes to the way FSA reports farm program payments to the producer and to the IRS.

In past years, IRS Forms 1099-G would be issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount.

Starting with calendar year 2012, producers whose total reportable payments from FSA are less than \$600 will not receive IRS Form 1099-G. Also, producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive one Form 1099-G if the total of all payments from all counties is \$600 or more.

The same changes will apply to those who normally receive IRS Form 1099-MISC from FSA.

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