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Sanilac County FSA Updates

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MILC Production Deadline

Final production evidence for MILC program payments **MUST** be received in this office by **Close Of Business, 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 not previously submitted. Any production for which there is a payment available that is received **after November 1, 2013 will not be paid**.

Lease Agreement Deadline

Lease agreements for 2013 DCP and ACRE program sign up must be submitted by **September 30, 2013**. Lease agreements must be on file in order to receive your annual payment in October.

Microloans

Microloans are available through the Farm Service Agency. These loans provide direct farm operating, either annual or term, that:

- Have a maximum amount of \$35,000
- Have a shortened application process and reduced paperwork
- Fulfill operating needs of beginning, niche, and small farming operations with additional flexibility in meeting experience and management criteria
- Provide flexibility in loan security
- Encourage new investment and development to meet changing consumer demands
- Funds to be used for start - up expenses, crop expenses, tools & equipment, livestock, minor farm improvements, and irrigation equipment

CRP Annual Maintenance

Conservation Reserve Program annual maintenance may be completed from August 1st through August 20th **IF NECESSARY**. Maintenance of the CRP cover is required if untreated pests (weeds, insects, brush, etc.):

- 1) Pose a threat to existing cover.

- 2) Untreated pests will adversely impact non-CRP acreage.
- 3) The planted cover is no longer providing erosion control - This may require re-establishment of the approved cover.

If you have a persistent or severe weed problem, contact the office as you may be allowed to do some maintenance outside of the August 1st through 20th window.

NOTE: Mowing for Cosmetic Purposes and Generic Weed Control are **PROHIBITED**. Annual mowing is considered "Mowing for Cosmetic Purposes" and "Generic Weed Control".

Commodity Loans Available

Commodity loans, also referred to as Marketing Assistance Loans, are available to producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, producers must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if the producer regains beneficial interest.

Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans. The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.

NEW: For individuals requesting a loan, please provide a copy of your unexpired driver's license and your spouse's driver's license if applicable. This allows us to properly file financing statements against your grain.

2013 Commodity Loan Rates

Barley	\$1.79 per bushel
Corn	\$1.87
Oats	\$1.38
Soybeans	\$4.96
Red Wheat	\$2.52
White Wheat	\$2.53



Important Reminder!

Certify your 2014 wheat and forage crops by **November 15, 2013** to avoid a **late file fee** of \$46 per farm. This includes all planted 2014 wheat and all previously seeded forage crops (ex: alfalfa, mixed hay). The reporting deadline has been revised to coincide with crop insurance reporting deadlines. Please be aware that the November 15th deadline applies even if you do not carry crop insurance coverage.

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