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Sanilac County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting:

September 11, 2013 at 9:00AM

Important Dates and Deadlines

- **September 11th:** County Committee Meeting @ 9:00am
- **September 30th:** Deadline for 2013 Lease Agreements for DCP contracts
- **October 14th:** Office closed in Observance of Columbus Day
- **November 1st:** Deadline for Milk production for October 2008 through September 2013
- **November 11th:** Office closed in Observance of Veterans Day
- **November 15th:** Deadline to certify 2014 fall seeded and forage crops

Operation Changes for Farm Loan Customers

Farm Loan Program loan applications must be submitted in the name of the actual operator of the farm. The Agency will consider tax filing status and other business dealings as indicators of the operator of the farm. The type of operation reflected on FSA-2001, Request for Direct Loan Assistance, must be consistent with any representations made by the applicant for Farm Program benefits. Any inconsistencies found must be resolved prior to your Farm Loan program application for assistance to be considered complete. **The applicant must be the operator of a family farm after the loan is closed.**

Future loan eligibility and future loan servicing on all existing Farm Loan Program loans may be impacted by **any** changes in operation, including the forming or dissolution of entities. Examples include creating a Limited Liability Company or Corporation.

NAP Insurance for Hay and Forage

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. The coverage is for losses on an eligible crop that occur when natural disasters cause prevented planting or a catastrophic loss of production. NAP is not available for crops that can be insured in the county by regular crop insurance. Eligibility requirements for the last disaster program included a provision that producers carry coverage on all crops including hay.

The application deadline date for the 2014 NAP coverage for small grains, and forage crops, including alfalfa and mixed forage hay, is September 30, 2013.

Producers who already have coverage on 2013 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop for 2014, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

In order to qualify for benefits, producers with NAP coverage must remember to:

- Timely file acreage reports
- Keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, or other natural disasters.

2013 Commodity Loan Rates

- **Barley:** \$1.79/bushel
- **Corn:** \$1.87
- **Oats:** \$1.38
- **Soybeans:** \$4.96
- **Red Wheat:** \$2.52
- **White Wheat:** \$2.53



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