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Sanilac County FSA Updates

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**Next County Committee
Meeting:**
September 3, at 9:00 am

Have You Reported Acreage Yet?

The deadline for crop acreage reporting and certification for most spring-seeded crops and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres was **July 15th 2014**. Please call the Sanilac office as soon as possible to set up an appointment, even if you did not make it in the office before July 15th.

With a reduced staff here in the office, be sure to call now to get an appointment.

COC Election: Nominations Underway

The Sanilac FSA Office is accepting nominations for producers to serve on the County Committee (COC) for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1, consisting of **Greenleaf, Austin, Minden, Delaware, Evergreen, Argyle, Wheatland, Marion and Forester Townships**.

If you are a landowner or producer living in that area, or would like to nominate someone else who is a landowner or producer in the area to serve on the Sanilac COC, please contact our office to obtain a nomination form. All nominations must be received before close of business on **August 1st 2014**.

The Sanilac COC meets at least quarterly to discuss matters related to the delivery and administration of Farm Service Agency Farm Bill Programs. Please contact our office with any questions.

Aug. 1, 2014 Deadline To File 2012 & 2013 ELAP Losses - Honeybee, Livestock And Farm-Raised Fish

Producers who suffered eligible livestock, honeybee or farm-raised fish losses have until August 1, 2014, to submit a notice of loss and application for payment under the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP).

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires. ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Producers who suffered eligible livestock, honeybee or farm-raised fish losses during 2012 and 2013 program years must submit a notice of loss and application for payment to their local FSA office by August 1, 2014. For 2014 program year losses, the notice of loss and an application for payment must be submitted by November 1, 2014.

Disaster Assistance for 2012 Freeze/Frost on Fruit Trees

Be sure to call the Sanilac Farm Service Agency to set up an appointment to discuss your options for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for losses to bush or tree fruit crops due to freeze/frost in crop year 2012. Sanilac Producers are eligible for this assistance via the Secretarial Disaster designation from 2012.

Enrollment began **July 22, 2014** and runs through **September 22, 2014**.

Interested producers can also view the 2012 NAP Coverage for Frost, Freeze or Weather Related Fruit Losses Fact Sheet at <http://go.usa.gov/5kSQ>.

Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Producers

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of socially disadvantaged applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Important Dates

July 15th - Deadline to certify spring planted crops (**Call even if you missed the deadline!**)

August 1st - Deadline to file ELAP 2012 & 2013 Losses

COC Nominations must be received by close of business

November 1st - Deadline to file Notice of Loss for 2014 ELAP losses

November 15th - Deadline to certify fall-seeded and forage crops

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