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Washtenaw/Wayne County FSA Updates

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**Next County Committee
Meeting:** December 5, 2013 at
9:00 a.m.

Payments

2013 DCP/ACRE Direct payments

Direct and Counter Cyclical (DCP) Direct payments started being issued on October 24th, based on the volume of payments in this payment cycle you should expect to see your payment within the next two weeks.

Please note that payments are being reduced by 8.6% due to sequestration as required by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

CRP

2013 Conservation Reserve annual rental Payments are exempted from sequestration and will not be reduced. The CRP payments for Washtenaw County contract holders were sent out on October 21, 2013.

MILC payments

MILC payments made after October 1, 2013 will be subject to sequestration and will be reduced by 7.2%.

Production evidence must be submitted to the County Office no later than November 1, 2013 for all Fiscal Years.

Crop Reporting

Please note the crop reporting deadline for some crops have changed recently. Starting after September 15, 2013 late filing fees will again apply if crops are not timely reported.

November 15, 2013 is the final date to timely report your Wheat, Alfalfa, Mixed hay, Grasses and other Fall-Seeded Small Grains and Perennial Forage.

Please contact the Washtenaw/Wayne County FSA Office at (734) 761-8789 extension 2 to schedule an appointment time to report.

Changing Bank Accounts

All FSA payments should be electronically transferred into your bank account.

In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if your bank is purchased by another financial institution. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to account and routing numbers.

Preventing Fraud

The Farm Service Agency supports the Risk Management Agency in the prevention of fraud, waste and abuse of the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. FSA will continue to refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse directly to RMA.

Producers can report suspected cases to the FSA office, RMA, or the Office of the Inspector General.

Fax Number Change

Please note that our fax number has changed. The new fax number is: 855-643-5270.

Important Dates

November 1, 2013 - Milk Production deadline for October 2008 through September 30, 2013

November 4th - Election ballots mailed to eligible voters.

November 11, 2013 - Office closed in observation of Veterans Day

November 15, 2013 - Deadline to report 2014 fall seeded and forage crops

November 20th - Final day to purchase 2014 NAP coverage for: Apricots, Asparagus, Blueberries, Caneberries, Cherries, Chestnuts, Cranberries, Currants, Grapes, Nectarines, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Prunes, Rhubarb, and Strawberries

November 28, 2013 - Office closed in observation of Thanksgiving Day

December 1st - Final day to purchase 2014 NAP coverage for Honey and Maple Sap

December 2nd - Last day to return completed ballots to your local FSA office

December 5th - County Committee election ballots counted at 9:00 am at the Washtenaw/Wayne county FSA Office

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