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Cheshire-Sullivan County FSA Updates

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DCP Deadline Approaches

The sign-up period for Direct & Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) is coming to a close. Producers are encouraged to sign up for DCP before the **August 2, 2013 deadline**. The 2013 DCP program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013.

[Read more about DCP and ACRE](#) or contact the FSA county office for more information, or an appointment to enroll.

Extension of FSA Acreage Reporting Deadline

On July 11, 2013, USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia announced an extension of the FSA acreage reporting deadline. Farmers and landowners have an additional 18 calendar days to submit their annual report of acreage to their local FSA county office with the deadline extended from Monday, July 15, 2013, to **Friday, Aug. 2, 2013**. Only the FSA reporting deadline has been extended. The acreage reporting requirement for crop insurance has not changed and remains July 15.

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for various programs, such as the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP); the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP); and the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistant Program (NAP). Acreage reports for FSA are considered timely this year when filed at the county office by the new applicable final crop reporting deadline of Aug. 2, 2013. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines.

While FSA's acreage reporting deadline was extended to Aug 2, 2013, the Risk Management Agency's (RMA) deadline was not extended and remains July 15, 2013. Producers are responsible for reporting their acreage to FSA and RMA. Farmers are reminded to report any loss within 72 hours of discovery to their insurance company. Farmers must report prevented planting acreage to their insurance company, in writing, within 15 calendar

days after the final planting date. Losses must be reported and an insurance adjuster must view and release the crop before the crop is destroyed. Farmers are also reminded to contact their insurance agent if they have any questions about coverage, prevented planting, or for reporting and processing a claim.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. Contact a local crop insurance agent for more information about the program. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or on the RMA web site at www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/.

Producers also should visit their USDA Service Center to complete acreage reporting for FSA. For questions on this or any FSA program, producers should contact their FSA county office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

***** Please Remember to Notify the FSA County Office of Any Significant Weather Related Losses to Crops, Livestock, and/or Buildings in Cheshire or Sullivan County *****

The Farm Service Agency would like to remind crop and livestock producers that have recently experienced severe damage from flooding, storms, or other extreme weather conditions that FSA programs are available to assist with recovery.

We encourage all who have suffered a disaster due to the recent severe weather to read the fact sheets and visit their local FSA county office so they get a quick start in the recovery process.

Fact sheets for all of these programs can be found at the disaster assistance program page <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing>.

Filing for NAP Losses

For producers participating in the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), the CCC-576 Notice of Loss is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. For losses on crops covered by NAP, you must file a CCC-576 Notice of Loss in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the natural disaster or when losses become apparent. If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

County Committee Election Nominations

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

County committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to ensure FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

FSA county committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. County committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions.

The COC nomination period runs from June 17, 2013 through August 1, 2013. The nomination form is available at USDA Service Centers and [online](#). The Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2, which includes Claremont, Charlestown, Unity, Newport, Goshen, and Sunapee, will be holding an election this year. Leo Hunter of Claremont currently represents this area on the Cheshire-Sullivan County FSA Committee.

For more information contact your local FSA office.

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 www.nrcs.usda.gov.

Dates to Remember

Aug 1 - County Committee Election Nomination Period ends

Aug 2 - **Extended** Acreage Reporting deadline for Corn, Spring Forage Seeding, and all other crops

Aug 2 - DCP Signup Ends

Sept 2 - Labor Day Holiday (Office Closed)

Sept 17 - Cheshire-Sullivan FSA County Committee Meeting

Interest Rates

Selected Interest Rates for July 2013

Farm Operating Loans (including Microloans) - Direct 1.25%

Farm Ownership Loans - Direct 3.25%

Farm Ownership Loans - Direct, Joint Financing 5.00%

Emergency Loans - 2.25%
Farm Storage Facility Loans - (7 years) 1.5%

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