
June 2014



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County Committee:
Richard Babcock, Chair
Judith Merrill, Vice-Chair
Mary Current, Member
Daniel Hicks III, Member
Glenn Pierce, Member

Next COC Meeting:
July 21, 2013 at 12:30 PM

Farm Loan Manager:
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CED Notes

The FSA office in Epping will be closed the week of June 30th. If you need immediate assistance that week, please call Linda Grames at the NH FSA State Office in Concord at (603) 224-7941. If the need is not immediate, please call the office at (603) 679-4656 x 111 and leave a message or email me at carol.sargent@nh.usda.gov. I will return on Monday, July 7th and return any messages.

Thank you,
Carol

Acreage and Production Reports

July 15th is the deadline for acreage reports for those planting annual crops, sweet and forage corn, spring seeded forage and all other crops that have not previously been reported for the 2014 crop year. If you have not contacted the office yet please do so to arrange to complete your reports.

REMINDER: farmers who have NAP, please remember that in addition to acreage reports, production records for 2013 are also due by the July 15th deadline. If you are unsure if you've already provided that information, call to confirm.

Farm Operating Loans

Farm Loan Officers:

Rebecca Davis
Lorna Wakefield
William Wilson

Eligible applicants may obtain direct loans for up to \$300,000 and a direct operating Microloan for up to \$35,000. Maximum indebtedness for a guaranteed loan is \$1,355,000. The repayment term may vary. Annual operating loans are generally repaid within 12 months or when the commodities produced are sold. In general, loan funds may be used for normal operating expenses, machinery and equipment, minor real estate repairs or improvements, and refinancing debt.

County Committee Nomination Period Opens

Are interested in serving your fellow farmers? The nomination period begins June 15, 2014 and ends August 1, 2014 for those wishing to serve on the Rockingham-Strafford County Committee. Nomination form (FSA-669A) may be obtained at the FSA office or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

Two Local Administrative Areas (LAA) are holding elections:

LAA-2: Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Rollinsford and Somersworth
LAA-3: Deerfield, Northwood, Nottingham, Strafford and Barrington

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on Nov. 3, 2014.

The nomination and election of farmers to the FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Selected Interest Rates for June

Farm Operating, Direct including Microloans: 2.25%
Farm Ownership, Direct: 4.00%
Farm Ownership, Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer:: 1.50%
Emergency Loan: 3.25%
Farm Storage Facility Loans, 7 yr.: 2.25%

Dates to Remember

June 15: Nomination period opens for COC elections
June 30 thru July 3: Office closed
July 4: Independence Day, office closed
July 15: Acreage reports due for corn, spring forage seeding, annual and perennial crops
July 15: 2013 production due for NAP participants
Aug. 1: Final date to submit nomination form FSA-669A

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