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### [FSA Announces New Conservation Loan Program](#) -

 The Farm Service Agency makes and guarantees conservation loans on farms and ranches to help conserve our natural resources. A new Conservation Loan (CL) Program provides farmers with the credit necessary to implement conservation measures on their land. The direct Conservation Loan limit is \$300,000 and guaranteed CL's up to \$1,112,000 (amount adjusted for inflation), may be available by applying with lenders working with FSA to obtain a guarantee. Applicants will work with Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) staff to develop a conservation plan. Conservation practices must be approved by NRCS before FSA can provide financing. Examples of conservation practices include installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; transitioning to organic production; manure management, including manure digestion systems; etc. Loans for 2010 must be obligated by **September 30, 2010**.

[SURE Sign up Deadline](#) – Reminder - producers have until Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, to submit an application for payment under the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program.

[Payments by Check](#) – Over the next year, FSA and the Commodity Credit Corp (CCC) is moving toward an electronic method for processing producers' checks. This will allow FSA/CCC to process collections faster. When producers present checks, either in person or by mail, the checks will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt. Please see the U.S. Dept of Treasury legal notices posted in the Service Center or visit the U.S. Dept of Treasury website at <https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm> for detailed information. 

### [NAP insurance sales closing dates for 2011 crop year](#) - September 30, 2010 –

Barley, Clover, Mixed Forage, Rye, Wheat. November 20, 2010 – Apples, Apricots, Blueberries, Caneberries, Cherries, Cranberries, Grapes, Honey, Onions, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Scallions, Shallots, Walnuts. December 31, 2010 – Asparagus, Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Greens, Herbs, Horseradish, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Parsnip, Peas, Potatoes, Radishes, Rhubarb, Turnips. March 15, 2011- Beans, Brussel Sprouts, Cantaloupe, Celery, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Honeydew, Oats, Okra, Peppers, Pumpkins, Sorghum, Squash, Sunflower, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatillos, Tomatoes, Watermelons, Yams. Producers who already have coverage on 2010 NAP crops may continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2011, 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. Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee. Producers with NAP coverage must remember to timely file acreage-reports, keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods, and file a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a weather-related loss is apparent to receive benefits.

[Forum on Expanding the U.S. Biofuels Market](#) - A Community Forum on expanding the U.S. Biofuels Market will be held by the USDA on Thursday, **September 30, 2010**. USDA has outlined a plan on how to develop a successful biofuels market capable of achieving the U.S. Renewable Fuels Standards mandate of not only producing, but also using, 36 billion gallons of renewable transportation fuel per year by 2022. However, this is an interim plan and now the department needs input and feedback from Rural America. You may review the USDA's plan at <http://tinyurl.com/USDABiofuels>. Please join us on September 30th at The Rutgers EcoComplex, Environmental Research and Extension Center located at 1200 Florence-Columbus Rd, Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200. Contact Tara Gruber at USDA, Farm Service agency (609) 587-0104 or [Tara.Gruber@nj.usda.gov](mailto:Tara.Gruber@nj.usda.gov) to RSVP or for any questions you may have.



[Succession in Interest](#) - If you have made any changes that affect your interest in base acres since you signed your last Direct and Counter-cyclical Program contract, you must report these successions-in-interest to the county committee by Sept. 30, so that a final determination can be made on who is eligible for the program on the farm. Changes that qualify as a succession-in-interest include: sale of land, change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners, a foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm. A change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's share of the crop(s) that were originally approved on the contract.

[Marketing Assistance Loans](#) - A Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) is available for producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, a producer must maintain continual beneficial interest in the crop from harvest through the date the loan is repaid. Commodity loan eligibility also requires compliance with conservation and wetland protection requirements; acreage reporting and ensuring that the commodity meets Commodity Credit Corporation minimum grade and quality standards. For commodities to be eligible they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence and in a storable condition and be merchantable for food, feed or other uses as determined by CCC. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan. Producers do not have to participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical and/or ACRE Programs to be eligible for commodity loans. Interested producers should contact the office for interest rates and any questions or concerns about how to initiate the MAL.

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