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DCP and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Signup - Enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) will end on June 1, 2012. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program through June 1, 2012. The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on State revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled through the 2012 crop year. Sign-up can be accomplished by making an appointment at your USDA Service Center.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) - Signup for the 2010 SURE remain open through June 1, 2012. SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. A farm enrolled in SURE is eligible when either a portion of the farm is located in a county covered by a qualifying natural disaster declaration, which includes Monmouth, Mercer, and Middlesex Counties for 2010, or a contiguous county, or the actual production is less than 50% of the normal production.

Acreage Reporting - Timely and accurate annual reporting of acres for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments. Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. Crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported. Producers need to file their acreage reports by May 31, 2012 for Fall-planted crops and July 15, 2012 for Spring-planted crops.



New for 2013 crops, **November 15, 2012** is the deadline for reporting fall Barley, Perennial Forage, Fall Forage Seeding, Fall Wheat, and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains. Any prevented-planting acreage needs be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the County Committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

Direct and Guaranteed Loans - The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. Whether you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available. FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it.

County Committee Elections



- Each year, an election is held in a Local Administrative Area (LAA) to replace the committee member whose three year term is expiring. In offices with three LAAs, one seat is up for election annually. In combined counties in some years, two seats may be up for election. In 2012 the LAA #1; primarily Monmouth County is up for election. Beginning June 15, 2012 individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. A nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at your local USDA Service Center. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated; indicating agreement to serve if elected, and returned to the FSA county office by the close of the nomination period, August 1, 2012.

Bank Account Changes

- Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into your bank account. For timely payments to be made, producers need to notify their FSA office if the account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to your account and routing numbers.

Farming Operation Changes

- If you have bought or sold land, or you have added or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to the office as soon as possible. You will need to provide a copy of your deed or recorded land contract for purchased property.

Dates to Remember!

May 28, 2012 – Office closed for Memorial Day observance.

May 31, 2012 - Small Grains reporting deadline

June 1, 2012 – 2012 DCP/ACRE signup period ends.

June 1, 2012 - SURE program signup closes for 2010 losses.

June 4, 2012 - Next scheduled meeting of the County Committee (7:30pm)

July 15, 2012 – Last day to report prior year production for 2011 NAP APH calculations; also final day for acreage reporting of all crops except small grains.



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