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Acreage Reporting

Due to weather conditions, the acreage reporting deadline has been extended to **August 14th!** If you plant crops after the deadline, you have 15 days to timely report those crops. Acreage reporting is required for most programs. The minimum fee for late-filing an acreage report is \$46 per farm number so don't delay!



Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Policyholders: Have a Crop Loss? If you suspect serious crop damage, you must report it to our office and file a notice of loss **within 15 calendar days** after the disaster occurrence or the date the damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent. If your crop will not be taken to harvest or is hand-picked, you will need to have an appraisal done. Please, **do not destroy your field until a loss adjuster has given the field a final appraisal.** Also, for those of you that sell at roadside stands or do not receive verifiable receipts, please remember to keep track of your production, whether on a calendar, ledgers, etc. Please call for more information.

2010 sales closing dates are coming up for the following: Strawberries - **August 3, 2009.** Christmas Trees, Flowers, Fin Fish and Sod Grass—**September 1, 2009.** Clover, Grass (Hay), Mixed Forage and Rye—**September 30, 2009.**



2009 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)

Sign up will end on **August 14, 2009.** The Acre program provides producers an option to protect against declines in market revenue. Producers who elect and enroll a farm in ACRE agree to: (1) forgo counter-cyclical payments, (2) a 20% reduction in direct payments, and (3) a 30% reduction in the marketing assistance loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm. Farms enrolled in ACRE must have base acres. You must annually report the farm's crop acreage and **submit production reports by farm number.** Eligible commodities for ACRE payments include: Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Oats, Barley and Grain Sorghum. Acre payments are issued when both the actual State

and Farm Revenues fall below the State and Farm ACRE Guarantees. Benchmark Farm Yields will be established using production evidence and/or crop insurance yields. When the ACRE payment acreage exceeds the total base acreage on the farm, you must choose the number of payment acres and commodity (not to exceed the total base on the farm). Once enrolled in ACRE on a farm, you cannot switch back to DCP through 2012. An ACRE fact sheet is now available here at the office or at www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/acre.pdf Direct Payments (reduced by 20%) will be made in October as usual. ACRE payments, if triggered, will be made one year later in October 2010, after the end of the marketing year. Please call for more details.



July 2009 Preliminary/Final ACRE Program Parameters	Unit	Wheat	Oats	Corn	Grain Sorghum	Soybeans	Barley
Preliminary Guarantee Price Estimate	Bushel	\$6.63 (final)	\$2.89 (final)	\$4.13	\$3.64	\$10.05	\$4.09 (final)
Benchmark State Yield	Acre	54.5	52.0	125.0	45.0	31.0	67.0
State Program Guarantee	Acre	\$325.20	\$135.25	\$464.63	\$147.42	\$280.40	\$246.63

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Dates to Remember

August 3, 2009—Final date to purchase 2010 Strawberry NAP

August 3, 2009—Final date to submit nomination petitions for FSA county committee

August 14, 2009—DCP/ACRE sign up ends

August 14, 2009—Extended Acreage reporting deadline

September 1, 2009—Final date to purchase 2010 Christmas Tree / Sod grass NAP

Continues—Continuous CRP, CREP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans



Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

(DCP) Sign-up—August 14, 2009 is the deadline to sign your contracts. We are not able to accept any late-filed applications this year. Please sign and return as soon as possible, but before **August 14th!** You may also

come in to sign your contracts anytime before the deadline. Final payments will be issued in October.

FSA County Committee Elections

The Farm Service Agency's local committee elections will be held this fall for local administrative area (LAA) 3 and LAA 4. LAA 3 consists of Pilesgrove, South Harrison, Harrison, Mantua, Washington and Deptford townships. LAA 4 consists of Alloway, Upper Pittsgrove, Elk and Clayton. The farmer-elected committee is your voice in USDA's programs here in this area. Members of the committee work with area residents to maintain the local focus of many USDA programs, inform people of what's available, and help other producers understand how the programs work. Committee members work to help shape national programs into working local programs. The Farm Service Agency is now accepting nominating petitions until **August 3, 2009**. You may nominate yourself or someone you would like to represent you. Please call the office for a nomination form.

Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths for those 10 to 20 years of age to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.



For more information, please contact Farm Loan Program staff at the following locations: Salem County applicants, please contact the Vineland office at 856-205-1225. Gloucester County applicants, please contact the Columbus office at 609-267-1639. Appointments may be scheduled at our Woodstown location by contacting the above offices.

Farm Energy Audits

NJ Farmers can now receive energy audits. NJ RC&D has 5 trained individuals who will conduct the Farm Energy Audits and process the data collected and create the final audit report. This report will show farmers where and how they can reduce their energy use. To discuss how your farm might benefit from an audit, contact EnSave at (800) 732-1399, or Ken Taaffe, South Jersey RC&D, at (609) 267-0811 x110 www.sjrccd.org.



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Applications for Financial Assistance Programs such as **EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)** can be submitted anytime during the year. However, to be considered for 2010 programs, applications must be received by **August 28, 2009**. Some practices include: cover crop, irrigation systems, irrigation engines, agricultural chemical handling facilities, agricultural waste management facilities, pollinator and wildlife habitat and nutrient and pest management. Please call 856-769-1126, ext. 3 for more information.