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Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: **Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain; For other than whole grain harvest—Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley; Hay; Renewable biomass; Fruits and vegetables - cold storage facilities.** For more information about FSFL please give us a call or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.



New Eligibility Forms

We are in the process of obtaining new payment eligibility forms for all of our producers that receive payments. These forms are required due to new requirements in the Farm Bill, before most payments can be issued. As you complete these forms, please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

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: Clover, Grass (Hay), Mixed Forage and Rye—September 30, 2009. Apples, Apricots, Blueberries, Caneberries, Cherries, Cranberries, Grapes, Honey, Nectarines, Onions, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Scallions and Shallots—November 20, 2009. Arugula, Asparagus, Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Collards, Escarole, Endive, Greens, Herbs, Horseradish, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Parsnip, Peas, Potatoes, Radishes, Rhubarb, Spinach and Turnips is December 31, 2009. (CAT crops through Federal Crop Insurance are underlined. You need to contact a private crop insurance agent to purchase. We have a list of agents available at this office)

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Dates to Remember

September 30, 2009—NAP Sales closing date—see previous page

October 12, 2009—Office is closes for Columbus Day

November 20, 2009—NAP Sales closing date—see previous page

December 7, 2009—deadline to submit COC Election Ballots

December 31, 2009—NAP Sales closing date—see previous page

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



Biomass Crop Assistance Program

FSA is currently accepting applications from biomass facilities interested in participating in the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP). Once an agreement is signed between FSA and a facility and funding

through the program is provided, the facilities can begin accepting materials. Producers who sell these materials can apply for matching payments under the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) component of BCAP. Biomass conversion facilities and material owners or producers should contact this office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov for more information.

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. Ballots will be mailed in November and must be returned by **December 7, 2009**.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Sign-up continues for CREP! The following practices are included in CREP: **Grass Waterways, Contour Grass Strips, Filter Strips and Riparian Buffers. Between Federal and State funding, most practices are fully installed at no cost to you with 100% cost share reimbursement! Rental payments are 100% to 150% greater than normal rates and most are over \$100 per acre! Also, a \$100 per acre sign-up incentive payment applies!** (except for contour grass strips).

Under CREP, program participants enroll in contracts of 10 to 15 years. Participants remove cropland or marginal pastureland from agricultural production and convert the land to grass, trees or other vegetation. Under the riparian buffer and filter strip practice, you may apply for permanent fencing and/or a watering facility, if you need to fence animals from a stream or pond. Please call now for further details.

Treasury Implementation—Direct Deposit Payments

FSA/CCC payments made by direct deposit are now transmitted by Kansas City to the Treasury. This allows FSA to be compliant with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA), which requires that Federal payments be processed through the Treasury Offset Program (TOP), so that any delinquent Federal debt can be offset. This results in a one day delay in receipt of funds; the potential for all payments to be offset through TOP; and the description on the bank statement reading "FSA TREAS 310".

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 Ken Taaffe, South Jersey RC&D, at (609) 267-0811 x110 www.sjrccd.org or EnSave at (800) 732-1399.