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**Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)**

We are expecting sign up for the 2008 SURE program to start soon and will be available to farms in Salem and Gloucester Counties that sustained qualifying losses during the 2008 crop year. To be eligible for SURE, you must have purchased insurance for every crop of economic significance on the farm or participated in the Buy-in waiver process. SURE program payments will be issued to eligible producers in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE program guarantee and total farm revenue. Stay tuned for sign up dates and more info.

**Acreage Reporting**

You can now start reporting your planted and prevented 2010 acres. Please call to schedule an appointment to report any **wheat, barley, oats, rye or other small grain acreage** that you may have planted. **The deadline is May 31, 2010, but why wait!** You may also report winter-over vegetable crops now, i.e. Spinach.

**Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)**

NAP insurance provides coverage on crops where a Federal insurance policy is not available. NAP policy fees are \$250 per crop, \$750 max per County. Remember, you must purchase crop insurance on all crops of economic significance for 2010 to be eligible for the 2010 SURE disaster program, if applicable.

**The 2010 sales closing date of December 31, 2010 is coming up for the following crops: 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. (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)**

**Marketing Assistance Loans**

Marketing Assistance Loans are beneficial if you are storing grain, waiting for the

price to rise but need operating money now. These loans are nine-month low interest loans that can be paid anytime before maturity. The current interest rate for November 2009 is 1.375%! Paperwork is minimal. You may now take loans out on commodities stored at Perdue, as they are an approved warehouse facility. Please call Deanne if you are interested. 2009 loan rates are as follows: Corn – 2.17 bu., Barley – 1.55 bu., Grain Sorghum – 3.74 cwt., Oats – 1.32 bu., Soybeans – 5.06 bu., Wheat – 1.97 bu.



**Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**

January 14, 2010 is the last day to sign up for CSP. CSP encourages agricultural producers who have achieved a high level of stewardship on their farm to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations. There are two possible types of payments - an annual payment for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing activities, and a supplemental payment for participants who also adopt a resource-conserving crop rotation. Please call NRCS to apply at 856-769-1126, ext. 3.

**NRCS/FSA Meeting**

NRCS and FSA are hosting a meeting on December 2, 2009 at the Ware Agricultural Building from 4 to 6 pm. NRCS will provide information about the new CSP program. FSA will present highlights of SURE, Average Crop Revenue Election, Biomass Crop Assistance Program and the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program.

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**Dates to Remember**

**December 7, 2009**—deadline to submit COC Election Ballots

**December 25, 2009**—The office is closed for Christmas Day

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

**January 1, 2010**—The office is closed for New Year's Day

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



**Please return forms...**

Some payments are held up due to missing forms that require signatures. Please return any form that we have sent for signatures to prevent payment delays. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

**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.

**Farm Reconstitutions**

In program terminology, farms are *constituted* to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.



**Estate Method** — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

**Designation of Landowner Method** — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

**DCP Cropland Method** — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

**Default Method** — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.