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County Committee Meetings are generally held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. During December through March, Meetings are held at 1:30 pm.

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 (If you pay the \$750 max there is no crop limit). Remember, you must purchase crop insurance on all crops of economic significance for 2011 to be eligible for the 2011 SURE disaster program, if applicable. The 2011 sales closing date for the following is **March 15, 2011: Fresh Beans, Brussel Sprouts, Cantaloupe, Celery, Corn, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Honeydews, Oats, Okra, Peppers, Pumpkins, Grain Sorghum, Sorghum Forage, Squash, Soybeans, Sweet Corn (processing), Sweet Corn (Fresh Market), Sweet Potatoes, Sunflowers, Tomatillos, Tomatoes, Watermelons and Yams.** (Crops available only 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 the office) You must insure all crops of economic significance (over 5% of farm revenue) on the farm to be eligible for the SURE disaster program for that year.

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. To qualify, you must have a history of cropping

the ground for 4 out of 6 years between 2002 and 2007. (cropping history is not needed for riparian buffers on marginal pastureland.) Please call now for further details.

Marketing Assistance Loans

Marketing Assistance Loans are beneficial if you are storing grain. They allow you to wait for the price to rise by providing operating money now. These loans are nine-month low interest loans that can be paid anytime before maturity. **The current interest rate for December 2010 is 1.25%.** Paperwork is minimal. You may take loans out on commodities stored at Perdue, as they are an approved warehouse facility. Please call Deanne if you are interested. **2010 loan rates are as follows: Corn – 2.17 bu., Barley – 1.70 bu., Grain Sorghum – 3.76 cwt., Oats – 1.38 bu., Soybeans – 5.05 bu., Wheat – 1.88 bu.**

Acres Reporting

You can now start reporting your planted and prevented 2011 acres. You may report any **wheat, barley, oats or rye** that you may have planted. **The deadline is May 31, 2011, but why wait.** You may also report winter-over vegetable crops now, i.e. Spinach. Please **call ahead** for an appointment so we can prepare your aerial maps in advance. Thank you!

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Dates to Remember

January 7, 2011—Last day to sign up for NRCS's CSP
January 10, 2011—SURE sign up begins
January 17, 2011—this office will be closed for MLK Holiday
February, 21, 2011—This office will be closed for President's Day
March 15, 2011—NAP Sales closing date—see previous page
Continues—Continuous CRP, CREP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans

Election News

Wally Bradway was re-elected to the County Committee in local administrative area one. Congratulations to Wally and thank you to all that participated in the process.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for 2009 SURE will begin January 10, 2011. SURE is available to farms that sustained qualifying crop losses during the **2009** crop year. To be eligible for SURE, you must have purchased insurance for every crop of economic significance on the farm. 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. Please call for an appointment or for more information.

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

GRP's purpose is to assist owners and operators of private land in protecting grazing uses and the related grassland values such as grassland-dependent plants and animals, soil erosion control, and air or water quality protection. Applicants must have current crop and producer records on file; own or control the land; agree to maintain the land for the contract term and complete a grazing management plan or conservation plan. Applicants may choose between a rental contract of 10, 15 or 20 years. Permanent easements are also available. Rental contract holders receive an annual rental payment and 50% of the cost of any restoration. 2011 sign up ends **January 28, 2011**. Please call NRCS at 856-769-1126 ext. 3 for more information.

Farm Record Updates—If you are making changes to your farming operation, (i.e. adding or removing land, changing your tax ID number or business name) please let us know. It will be easier to make changes now, then in the summer during the “busy” season. Thank you!

Notice to all Foreign Investors

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreigners who have purchased or sold U.S. agricultural lands to report any acquisition, lease, disposition, holding and land use changes to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture within 90 days of the transaction. Failure to do so may result in a fine up to 25% of the property's fair market price. Contact this FSA office for details.

Signature Limitation

A husband or wife can sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the County Office. A husband or wife cannot sign a power of attorney form on behalf of the other, and they must have a power of attorney on file to sign personally for CRP easements or claim settlements, such as promissory notes. Faxed signatures from producers shall be accepted for most forms and other documents.

Reasonable Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If you require special accommodations, please telephone this office so arrangements can be made. County Committee Meetings are normally on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. During December through March, meetings are a 1:30 pm.