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County Committee Meetings are generally held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. During De-

## Asparagus Revenue Market Loss Assistance Payment Program (ALAP)

Sign up has begun for ALAP and will end on **April 8, 2011**. A substantial increase in asparagus imports over the last several years resulted in reduced revenue for U.S. asparagus producers. The increased supply of imported asparagus resulted in reduced domestic consumption. \$15 million in direct payments are available to asparagus producers for revenue losses as the result of crop year 2004 through 2007 imports.

To be eligible for ALAP benefits, producers must have produced and marketed asparagus in commercial quantities in the U.S. during **both** crop years 2003 and 2007. Producers must certify to their total share of production quantities of fresh or processed asparagus for the **2003** crop. Other eligibility requirements apply. Please call for more information.

## Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for 2009 SURE continues. 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 and all these crops must be on the SURE application (good and bad). SURE is a total farm revenue disaster program. Past NAP and RMA insurance payments are considered farm revenue. Please call for more information. Sign up ends July 29, 2011.

## Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)/ACRE Sign-up is underway

Contracts are currently being mailed now and must be signed by **June 1, 2011**. We are not able to accept any late-filed applications this year. Please sign and return as soon as possible, but before **June 1, 2011!** You may also come in to sign your contracts anytime before the deadline. You may request a 22% advance payment now, providing you can show control of the farm for the 2011 crop year. Final payments will be issued in October 2011.

## 2011 Acreage Reporting

**Reminder**—Please **call** now 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, 2011.** Acreage reporting is required for the Non-insured Assistance Program, SURE disaster program, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, the DCP/ACRE program and may be necessary for future crop disaster or market assistance programs which may arise. The minimum fee for late-filing an acreage report is \$46 per farm number, so don't delay!

## Emergency Loans

Gloucester and Salem counties received a Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination for 2010 due to heat and drought. Loan applications will be received through **July 22, 2011**. Also, Salem County received a physical loss notification from the administrator due to physical losses and damage due to excessive snow and high winds that occurred on December 26 and December 27, 2010. Gloucester County is also eligible since it is a contiguous County. Loan applications for physical loss will be received through **September 7, 2011**.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. **Please call the Vineland Office at 856-205-1225 x 2 for more information or to apply.**

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**Dates to Remember**

March 15, 2011—NAP Sales closing date—see below  
April 15, 2011—Final day to sign up for CRP general sign up.  
May 31, 2011—Final day to report small grain acreage  
May 31, 2011—Final loan availability date for 2010 Corn, Soybeans and Grain Sorghum  
June 1, 2011—Deadline to sign up for DCP and ACRE  
July 29, 2011—Deadline to sign up for 2009 SURE  
Continues—Continuous CRP, CREP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans

**Organic Initiative to Benefit Organic Growers**

— New Jersey organic producers and those transitioning to organic production can apply for assistance to implement re-source conservation practices on their

agricultural operations. Applications for the organic initiative of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can be submitted anytime to NRCS at this office. Applications received by **March 4, 2011**, will be considered for this crop year's funding. Please call NRCS at 856-769-1126 ext. 3 for more info or to apply.

**Conservation Reserve Program General Sign up**

Sign-up for the CRP general program will begin on March 14th and end on April 15, 2011. Unlike Continuous CRP or CREP, participants may offer entire fields for enrollment in the program, which are taken out of agricultural production. Rental payments and up to 50% cost sharing for the practice installation are available on the 10 to 15 year contracts. Competitive offers for general sign-up will be evaluated based on five environmental factors and cost.

To be eligible, the offered land must be cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity four of the six years from 2002 to 2007, and which is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Alfalfa or other multiyear grasses and legumes grown in a rotation not to exceed 12 years may be eligible. In addition, the cropland must also have a weighted average erosion index of eight or higher or be expiring CRP acreage. Please call for more information.

**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.

**Reminder:** please submit your 2010 crop production records as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. They are due by July 15, 2011, but we know you will be very busy by then. If production records are not submitted, your NAP coverage will be reduced. Also, when reporting your 2011 crop acreage, please review your acreage reports carefully. If your reported acreage is off by more than 15%, plus or minus, you will be **ineligible** for NAP benefits. Paid for measurement service is available. In addition, if you have experienced prevented planting of crops on your policy, you may file a notice of loss. More than 35% of the total eligible acreage intended for planting must be prevented to qualify. Intention to plant must be established and a field visit required. Please call if you have any questions.