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FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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County Committee

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

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, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, the DCP program, the SURE 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! The deadline for most other crops is **July 15, 2011.**

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

You should have received your 2011 DCP contracts in the mail by now. 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.

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

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.** 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.

FSA County Committee Elections

The Farm Service Agency's local committee elections will be held this fall for local administrative area (LAA) 2 and LAA 5. LAA 2 consists of Carney's Point, Oldmans, Logan, Woolwich, Greenwich, East Greenwich and West Deptford Townships. LAA 5 consists of Monroe, Franklin and Pittsgrove Townships. 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 1, 2011.** You may nominate yourself or someone you would like to represent you. Please call the office for a nomination form.

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.

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Dates to Remember

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 15, 2011—Final day to report all other crop acreage
July 29, 2011—Deadline to sign up for 2009 SURE
August 1, 2011—Deadline to file a County Committee nominating petition
Continues—Continuous CRP, CREP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans



Emergency Loans

Gloucester and Salem counties received a Secretarial 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.**

Payment Eligibility

Payments and benefits under certain programs are subject to some if not all of the following: payment limitation by direct attribution; payment limitation amounts for the applicable program; actively engaged in farming requirements; cash rent tenant rule; foreign person rule; and average adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations. Payments and benefits will not be provided without all required forms for the specific situation are provided and the necessary determinations are made.

A farm operating plan (CCC-902) is not required to be filed annually if the farming operation continues to be conducted as reflected on the farm operating plan and supporting documents are on file in the office. If any changes occur that could affect an actively engaged in farming, cash rent tenant, foreign person, or AGI determinations; producers must timely notify the office by filing a revised farm operating plan and/ or supporting documentation, as applicable. Failure to timely notify the office, may adversely affect payment eligibility. Payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations may be initiated by the county committee or requested by the producer.

There are statutory provisions that require entities, earning program benefits that are subject to limitations, to provide the names, addresses, and tax identification number of the entities' members to the county committee. All applicable payment eligibility and payment limitation forms submitted by producers are subject to spot check through the end of year review process.

A determination of not actively engaged in farming results in the producer being ineligible for any payment or benefit requiring a determination of actively engaged in farming.

Noncompliance with AGI provisions, either by exceeding the applicable limitation or by failure to submit a certification statement, will result in the determination of ineligibility for all program benefits subject to AGI certifications. Program benefits shall be reduced in an amount that is commensurate with the direct and indirect interest held by an ineligible person or legal entity, general partnership, or joint operation that receives benefits subject to the AGI limitation.

Annual payment limits are as follows: Counter-cyclical and ACRE payments – \$65,000; Direct commodity payments – \$40,000; CRP annual rental payment - \$50,000; CSTP - \$200,000; ECP – 200,000; EQIP (all contracts for FY 2009-2010) – \$300,000; GRP - \$50,000; WHIP - \$50,000; WRP - \$50,000; ELAP, LFP, LIP and SURE - \$100,000; NAP - \$100,000; TAP - \$100,000; LDP, MAL, MLG – No Limits. TAAF - \$10,000.