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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. Please call ahead to confirm meeting time/date.

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 2012 to be eligible for the 2012 SURE disaster program, if applicable. The 2012 sales closing date for the following is **March 15, 2012: 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.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for 2010 SURE continues. SURE is available to farms that sustained qualifying crop losses during the **2010** 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 June 1, 2012.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)/Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)

Sign up has begun! DCP contracts will soon be prepared for the 2012 growing season for producers which operate farms with base acreage (history of reporting grain). You can sign up now until June 1, 2012. If you normally enroll, we will contact you by phone when your contracts and other necessary forms are ready for you to sign. Also, we may ask you to report your intended crop acres for this upcoming growing season.

There are no advance payments available this year for DCP. Payments will be issued in October. Payments are made on 85% of base acreage times the payment yield, the payment rate and the producer share. (ACRE direct payments are reduced by 20%) In the event an advanced partial counter cyclical payment is requested and issued and then actual market prices exceed the projected market prices used in determining the partial payments, a refund of payment would occur. We are prohibited from making payments on farms with 10 or fewer acres of crop base. (crop base acres are not actual acres, but a history of crops reported to our office between 1998 and 2001 or prior). If you have a farm(s) in this category, you may combine your farm with 10 base acres or less with another farm that has base acres to increase the amount of base to over 10 acres. If you do not own the farm, you will need to get the owner’s signature on our reconstitution form in order to do this. If your farm is reconstituted after the sign up deadline, the contracts for the new resulting farm(s) must be signed within 30 days. All producers on a farm must designate their shares on the contract (CCC-509). The contract must be revised if there is a successor in interest. In order to be eligible, all forms must be on file, including an AD-1026, CCC-902, CCC-926 and any other applicable forms. Any crop may be planted on DCP cropland in excess of the base acres on a farm. Our area is designated as a double cropping region, - (cont’d on next page)

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Dates to Remember

February, 20, 2012—This office will be closed for President's Day

March 15, 2012—NAP Sales closing date—see previous page

May 31, 2012—Final day to report small grain acreage

June 1, 2012—Deadline to sign up for DCP or ACRE

June 1, 2012—Deadline to sign up for 2010 SURE

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

Election News

Anthony Fabrizio was re-elected to the FSA Committee in local administrative area (LAA) 5 with a total of 30 votes out of 62 in a 3 way race. Joe Nicolosi was newly elected in LAA 2 with a total of 27 votes out of 48.

(DCP/ACRE continued) - which means fruit or vegetables (FAV) may be planted on base acreage enrolled in DCP without violation or payment reduction if planted before or after a covered commodity. Planting of a FAV on base acreage (when not double cropped with a covered commodity) will result in payment reduction and possible violation if no FAV history is present on the farm or with the grower. The ACRE program provides grain producers an option to protect against declines in market revenue. Producers who elect and enroll a farm in ACRE agree to: (1) forgo counter-cyclical payments, (2) a 20% reduction in direct payments, and (3) a 30% reduction in the marketing assistance loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm. You must annually report the farm's crop acreage and submit production reports by farm number. Eligible commodities for ACRE payments include: Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Oats, Barley and Grain Sorghum. ACRE payments are issued when both the actual State and Farm Revenues fall below the State and Farm ACRE Guarantees. Benchmark Farm Yields will be established using production evidence and/or crop insurance yields. When the ACRE payment acreage exceeds the total base acreage on the farm, you must choose the number of payment acres and commodity (not to exceed the total base on the farm). ACRE payments, if triggered, will be made one year later in October 2013, after the end of the marketing year. 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. Please call for more 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.