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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. Subject to change

2013 Acreage Reporting

NEW

The new deadline to report **2013 Wheat, Barley, Perennial Forage (Hay), Fall Forage (Hay) Seeding, and all other fall-seeded small grains is now November 15, 2012!** You may report these crops as soon as they are planted. If you plant after the deadline, you have 15 days to report after the crop was planted.

The new deadline to report 2013 Blueberries, Apples and Peaches is January 15, 2013. These new deadlines will now be in effect for future years to coincide with crop insurance deadlines.

Acreage reporting is required for NAP, CRP, CREP, SAFE, SURE, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, the DCP and ACRE programs and may be necessary for future crop disaster or market assistance programs which may arise.

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Policyholders: Do you have a Crop Loss? If you suspect serious crop damage, you must report it to our office and file a notice of loss within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or the date the damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent. If your crop will not be taken to harvest **or** is hand-picked, you will need to have an appraisal done. Please, **do not destroy your field until a loss adjuster has given the field a final appraisal.** Also, for those of you that sell at roadside stands or do not receive verifiable receipts, please remember to keep track of your production, whether on a calendar, ledgers, etc. Please call for more information.



2013 NAP sales closing dates are coming up for the following: **Clover, Grass (Hay), Mixed Forage and Rye—October 1, 2012. Apples, Apricots, Blueberries, Caneberries, Cherries, Cranberries, Grapes, Honey, Nectarines, Onions, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Scallions and Shallots—November 20, 2012. 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—December 31, 2012. (*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 this office*) Remember, you must insure all crops of economic significance (over 5% of farm revenue) on the farm to be eligible to participate in the SURE disaster program for that year, if available.

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.

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Dates to Remember

October 1, 2012—NAP Sales closing date—see 1st page

October 8, 2012—The office will be closed for Columbus Day

November 15, 2012—Small grain, Hay 2013 acreage reporting deadline

November 20, 2012—NAP Sales closing date—see 1st page

December 31, 2012—NAP Sales closing date—see 1st page

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

NEW

Please return forms...

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

Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain; For other than whole grain harvest—Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley; Hay; Renewable biomass; Fruits and vegetables - cold storage facilities. After the stored commodity has been marketed, the facility may, with prior approval, be used to temporarily store equipment and other agricultural items until the next harvest season. For more information about FSFL please give us a call or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.

The current interest rates are 1.125% for a 7 year loan (under \$100K); 1.625% for a 10 year loan (\$100K to \$250K); 1.875% for a 12 year loan (\$250K to \$500K). Rates change monthly.



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 September 2012 is 1.125%! Paperwork is minimal. You may now take loans out on commodities stored at Perdue, as they are an approved warehouse facility. Please call if you are interested. 2012 loan rates are as follows: Corn – 2.16 bu., Barley – 1.65 bu., Grain Sorghum – 3.75 cwt., Oats – 1.38 bu., Soybeans – 5.05 bu., Wheat – 2.85 bu.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

October 19, 2012 is the **2013** program sign up cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the National Water Quality Initiative for three watersheds in our area: Upper Cohansey, Upper Salem, and Upper Alloway. **Grassed waterways, diversions, erosion control structures, conservation tillage, cover crop, irrigation systems, animal waste systems, agrichemical handling facilities, roof runoff and buffer systems, seasonal high tunnels (up to 2178 sf) are just some of the practices being offered.** Financial assistance to share in the cost of these practices is available through EQIP. Please call NRCS for more info at 856-769-1126 ext. 3.

Sign up for Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) including Forestry, Energy, and Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans, is also by October 19, 2012. Financial incentives are available for plan development.