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Salem/Gloucester Farm Service Agency Updates

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Name County FSA Office **Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)**

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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). The 2013 sales closing date for the following is **March 15, 2013**: 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)

NAP Reminder: Please submit your 2012 crop production records as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. They are due by **July 15, 2013**, 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 2013 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.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for 2011 SURE is ongoing and ends on **June 7, 2013**. SURE is available to farms that sustained qualifying crop losses during the 2011 crop year (not this past growing season). 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 included 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 to apply or for more information.

DCP/ACRE Sign-up Continues

DCP and ACRE signups for the 2013 crops are on-going. The DCP sign-up period will end on **Aug. 2, 2013**; and the ACRE sign-up period will end on **June 3, 2013**.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013. Likewise producers who were enrolled in DCP may opt for ACRE enrollment. Contact the FSA county office for more information, or an appointment to enroll.

Conservation Reserve Program General Sign-up

Sign-up for the CRP general program will begin on May 20th and end on **June 14, 2013**. 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 out of the six crop 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.

Emergency Loans

Gloucester and Salem counties received Natural Disaster Determinations for 2012 due to a variety of weather conditions. Loan applications will be received through October 15, 2013.

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.

Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL)

MALs are beneficial if you are storing grain, but need operating money now. These are nine-month low interest loans that can be paid anytime before maturity. The current interest rate for January 2013 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)

EQIP applications for Organic, Energy and Seasonal High Tunnels that are received by **March 15, 2013** and will be considered for 2013 fiscal year funding. Please call to apply or for more information. 856-769-1126 x3.

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