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County Committee Elections

The office is currently accepting nominations for the 2013 COC Election! Eligible producers in Morris, Essex, Bergen, Passaic and Hudson are able to run in this year's election.

The COC nomination ends August 1, 2013. The nomination form is available at USDA Service Centers and [online](#). Please give the office a call if you are unsure if you are eligible to run and hold office in this year's election.

Acreage Reporting Deadline

The office is continuing to schedule appointments to meet the July 15th acreage reporting deadline. If you have not yet been contacted by the office with a appointment date and time, please call the office as soon as possible to establish one. Due to budget constraints the office is not mailing appointment cards this year. Please assist us in making sure all acreage is

DCP Deadline Approaching

The sign-up period for DCP is coming to a close. Producers are encouraged to sign up for DCP before the **August 2, 2013**, deadline. The sign-up period for ACRE ended June 3, 2013.

The 2013 DCP program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except, those who enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013.

[Read more about DCP and ACRE](#) or contact the office for more information or to set up an appointment to enroll.

Filing for Crop Losses

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

Microloan Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) developed the Microloan program to better serve the unique financial operating needs of beginning, niche and small family farm operations.

FSA offers applicants a Microloan designed to help farmers with credit needs of \$35,000 or less. The loan features a streamlined application process built to fit the needs of new and smaller producers. This loan program will also be useful to specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA).

Eligible applicants can apply for a maximum amount of \$35,000 to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop houses to extend the growing season, essential tools, irrigation and annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents, marketing, and distribution expenses. As financing needs increase, applicants can apply for a regular operating loan up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 or obtain financing from a commercial lender under FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program.

Individuals interested in applying for a microloan or would like to discuss other farm loan programs available, should contact Farm Loan Officer Megan Everswick at (908)852-2576, extension 104, to setup an appointment.

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