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**NEWSLETTER/INFO:** Our monthly newsletter is also available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/oh> . Once on the homepage, look on the left side under “browse by subject” and click on “newsletters”. This site also provides recent news releases, important dates to remember & program information.

**NAP (Non-insured Assistance Program) Deadline:** The deadline to obtain 2010 NAP coverage is November 20, 2009 for the following crops: asparagus, blueberries, caneberries, cherries, chestnuts, forage for hay and pasture, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, strawberries, honey, and maple sap. NAP is 50% yield/55% price coverage, and cost \$250 per crop up to \$750 per county. Producers must obtain crop insurance and NAP coverage on all crops on all their farms to be eligible for possible disaster relief under SURE (Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program).

**2008 SURE PROGRAM SIGNUP:** SURE program signup for 2008 crop disasters will begin soon. You must have had crop insurance or NAP on all crops to be eligible for SURE. (Exception for NAP – if the crop is not of economic significance (5% or more of the total expected value of all your crops) it does not need covered, or if the administrative fee for the NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage). This program covers revenue losses not just yield losses. If you think you may qualify for payment, please contact the office.

**2<sup>ND</sup> BEGINNING FARMER MEETING:** Our second beginning farmer meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> in the OSU Extension meeting room at 7pm. Chris Bruynis, Extension Educator, ANR from Wyandot County will conduct "Grain Marketing 101". We will also cover FSA crop loan details, and FSA farm storage facility loans at this meeting. You will need to enter the building through the door by our office.

**AVERAGE CROP REVENUE ELECTION (ACRE) SIGN-UP.** Sign-up for the 2010 Direct & Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the ACRE option has begun & will continue through **June 1, 2010**.

Producers may enroll in DCP and request a 22% advance direct payment. Producers may also choose to enroll in the ACRE option which provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates.

To elect ACRE for a farm, producers must complete a CCC-509ACRE, which irrevocably elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012. All land owners must also sign the election. Appointments are suggested for ACRE program enrollment.

FSA cannot advise a producer regarding election of ACRE, therefore it is important for each producer to research the benefits of ACRE. Producers are encouraged to check out ACRE calculators available from various universities and agricultural services.

**2009 FSA County Committee Elections:** County Committee elections are being held in LAA-1 this year which includes Canaan, Congress, Chester, Wayne, & Plain townships. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters November 6<sup>th</sup> and must be returned by December 7, 2009. The elected Committee Member and Alternates will take office January 1, 2010.

**COMMODITY LOANS:** 9 month non-recourse loans are available for 2009 crops stored on your farm or in an approved warehouse. These loans give you operating money while waiting for marketing opportunities. Loan rates are: Corn \$1.97, Soybeans \$5.11, Wheat \$1.90, Barley \$1.62, Oats \$1.36. Interest rate for November is 1.375%.

**REPORTING FAILED OR PREVENTED PLANTED ACRES.** Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

**FINAL 2009 DCP DIRECT PAYMENTS:** Final 2009 direct DCP payments were issued in the second half of October. If you have not received your payment, please call the office.

**FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN CHANGES (FSFL):** Changes to our FSFL program include:  
1) adding fruit and vegetable cold storage as eligible structures, along with hay and renewable biomass storage structures, 2) loan lengths can be 7, 10, or 12 years depending on the amount of the loan, 3) the maximum amount of loans is now \$500,000, 4) partial disbursements can now be made, 5) the useful life of the facility must be 15 years, 6) loan application fee is \$100.00, and 7) crop insurance and NAP is required on all crops of economic significance (10% of total crop value) and on the crops stored in the FSFL funded facility. The November interest rates for FSFL loans is 3.0% for 7 year loans, 3.375% for 10 year loans, and 3.75% for 15 year loans.

Please contact the Wayne County Office for further information.

Serving Agriculture,  
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