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Dates to Remember

- Ongoing: SURE sign-up
- Ongoing: LDP sign-up
- Ongoing : Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signups
- June 15- Producers must submit CCC 927/ 928 to IRS
- June 15- Nomination Petitions available
- July 5— Independence Day - Service Center closed
- July 6 -Tree Assistance Program Application Deadline for 2008, 2009, 2010 disaster program
- July 15: Deadline for Crop Reporting
- August 2—Last date to receive nomination petitions.

County Committee

COC meetings start at 12:30 pm and are scheduled for :

- July 13, August 17 and September 14, 2010

Please call to confirm.



 ★ **JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH** ★
 ★ PLEASE JOIN US IN SAYING THANK ★
 ★ YOU TO OUR LOCAL DAIRY FARMERS!!! ★
 ★ WE APPRECIATE ALL THEY DO TO ★
 ★ BRING US FRESH DAIRY PRODUCTS!!!! ★
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Crop Acreage Reporting

Do you know why acreage reporting is important?

- Yearly acreage reporting shows planting history required for future disaster program participation.

- Crop acreage is used to establish crop by crop production yields. These yields are used for calculating disaster program payments for eligible crop losses.

- Yearly crop reporting is required if you participate in the Noninsured Crop Assistance program (NAP).

- Annual crop reporting is required if you participate in Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE).

- Annual acreage reports are kept on file here at the FSA office should you ever need a copy years down the road.

- Annual acreage reporting gives FSA needed information about who, what and where crops are being grown. This information is used to request emergency programs such as Livestock Feed Program, Supplemental Crop Revenue Program, Livestock Indemnity Program, and Emergency Conservation Program to restore damage cropland, etc. in the event of damage from a natural disaster.

If you grow crops for human or animal consumption, produce maple syrup, keep honey bees for production of honey, farm fish, or maintain wild blueberries for harvest, we would like to hear from you.

You do not have to be a full time farmer to qualify for our programs. If you have questions, we are here to guide you through the process. Give us a call or stop in.

Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes, and vines that were lost by natural disasters occurring on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011.

To qualify for TAP, orchardists and nursery tree growers must:

- suffer qualifying tree, bush, and vine losses in excess of 15 percent mortality (after adjustment for normal mortality) from an eligible natural disaster for the individual stand.
- have owned the eligible trees, bushes, and vines when the natural disaster occurred; however, eligible growers are not required to own the land on which eligible trees, bushes, and vines are planted.
- replace eligible trees, bushes, vines within 12 months from the date the application is approved.

Date of Loss:

For calendar year 2008, 2009 and from January 1, 2010, to May 7, 2010 the deadline to submit an application and supporting documentation is July 6, 2010.

From May 8, 2010, to September 30, 2011 applications for loss must be submitted within 90 calendar days of the disaster event or date when the loss of trees, bushes, or vines was apparent.



Locally grown grapes.

Supplemental Revenue Program (SURE) 2008 SIGN-UP

Sign-up to participate in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) continues for those producers with 2008 crop losses. For more details call the office or go to: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nh> This link is to the New Hampshire State FSA website , which has copies of the county newsletter posted in digital format. Click on "Newsletters" in the left margin to see our March newsletter with the full details posted on the requirements of the SURE program. If you need a hard copy of the requirements please call the office.

Farm Stored Facility Loans (FSFL)



Producers who grow their own crops of vegetables, fruits, hay, corn, or grain crops may be interested in knowing there is a Farm Stored Facility Loan Program available to them . The FSFL program allows you to add needed storage for your crops. Cold storage, root cellars, hay barns, corn cribs, bunkers, and silos are all eligible types of storage facilities.

The interest rate is fixed once the loan is approved. Currently the rate for June is 3.0% for a term of 7 years, and 3.625 percent for a 10 year term. Other terms are available. The maximum loan is \$250,000, and the maximum term is 15 years. A credit check is required and there is a \$100 application fee. Please call the office for more information.



Wool & Mohair Incentives Program

Have you filed your CCC 633 to participate in the wool and mohair incentives program for the 2010 fiscal year? If you have shorn wool or mohair and still own it, you may be eligible for an incentive payment based on the quantity and the weekly rate.

2010 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Elections will be held in Local Administrative Areas (LAA) 1 and 4. Eligible voter list are posted here in the office. A nominating petition is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience for the towns of New Durham, Middleton, Milton, Farmington and Strafford, which are located in LAA#1; Auburn, Chester, Fremont Brentwood, Kingston, Danville, Sandown, Newton, Hampstead, Plaistow, Atkinson, Salem, Windham, Derry and Londonderry, which are located in LAA #4.

If you are nominating someone please be sure they are located in the above area, and they sign the nominating petition. The following is the timeline for elections:

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| June 15, 2010 | Nomination Petitions are available. |
| August 2, 2010 | Final date for County Offices to receive FSA-669A or for FSA-669A to be postmarked. |
| September 7, 2010 | COC complete slates of nominees, only if no FSA-669A are received. |
| December 6, 2010 | Completed FSA-669B to be returned to County Office or post-marked. |
| December 9, 2010 | Ballot Count at the County Office |
| January 1, 2011 | Newly elected COC members take office. |

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