

USDA/FARM SERVICE AGENCY UPDATES

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STORM Reports

Our office needs YOU to contact us whenever your farm (livestock & cropland) are damaged. Recent weather conditions (heavy rainfall, flooding, cold nights, etc.) have affected producer's crops/cropland throughout the County. In order for FSA to try to help you in any way, the office needs to know about any weather related issues your farm has been or is being affected by. If the heavy rain created any damage to your crop fields, we need to know ASAP. Our office has submitted the required STORM report but we will need to know the number of farms affected and how each was affected. Please try to remember to always give our office a call ASAP so we can attempt to get programs into the County to assist you in some way. Unfortunately, most of our disaster programs take time and the funding is not immediately available. One important thing to remember for any type of assistance is to take pictures of any and all issues. If possible use something like a yard stick so the depth can be perceived from the picture. Please always give us a call at (607) 865-4005. Please help us to try to help you.

GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM SIGNUP AVAILABLE UNTIL-JUNE 7

The goal of the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP) is to prevent grazing and pasture land from being converted into cropland, used for urban development, or developed for other non-grazing uses. Participants in the program voluntarily limit future development of their grazing and pasture land, while still being able to use the land for livestock grazing and activities related to forage and seed production.

Please contact the office at: 607 865-4005, if you would like more information on this program.

DON'T FORGET TO REPORT YOUR ACREAGE FOR 2013: DCP, CRP/CREP and NAP participants are all required to file acreage reports. The 2013 deadline for perennial forage, fall forage seeding, fall barley, perennial rangeland forage, fall wheat and all other fall-seeded small grains was November 15, 2012 but for THIS YEAR ONLY (2013), you can STILL file your report on those crops without having to pay the late fee. Please be sure to give our office a call if you haven't reported your hay and pastureland already.

<u>New York Acreage report Deadline Dates</u> July 15, 2013	2013 Other Crops: Spring Barley, Corn, Dry Beans, Fresh Market Sweet Corn, Grain sorghum, Green Peas, Spring Oats, Potatoes, Soybeans, Sweet Corn, Tomatoes, and all other crops
August 15, 2013	2013: ** Cabbage, Fresh Market Beans, Processing Beans and CRP/CREP

IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN DCP IN THE PAST (2008-2012), HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET FOR 2013 DCP/ACRE?

DCP signup is underway. Please call Suzanne Ly at (607) 865-4005 for an appointment to come into the office to sign your 2013 DCP contract(s) and to verify your farm records are correct. Spring weather is HERE and before you get too busy, why not get this taken care of. Please call first and be sure to inform Suzanne or Barb of any changes so we can get your paperwork together.

Til next time, keep your face to the sun and may the weather be perfect in the months ahead for your crops and you!