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Farm Service Agency



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New Castle County FSA Updates

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Maryann Reed

Program Technician: Helen Sureda

County Committee: Linda Brown - Chair

R Lee Emerson II - Vice Chair

Fred Stites - Member

Next County Committee Meeting:

March 8, 2017 at 9:30am

USDA Farm Service Agency Offers Text Alerts to New Castle County Producers

New Castle County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Maryann Reed announced that farmers in Delaware now can receive notifications from their county office through text messages on their cell phone.

Whether producers are in the field, on a tractor or even on horseback, this service enables FSA customers and stakeholders to receive notifications while on the go. Producers will receive text messages regarding important program deadlines, reporting requirements, outreach events and updates.

Producers can text **DENEWCASTLE** to FSANOW (372-669) to subscribe to text message alerts from New Castle County. Standard text messaging rates apply. Contact your wireless carrier for details associated with your particular data plan. Participants may unsubscribe at any time.

Please contact our office at (302) 832-3100 ext. 2 if you have questions regarding FSA's email news service or the new text message option.

NAP Coverage Application Closing Dates

Eligible producers must apply for coverage and pay the applicable service fees annually by the application

closing date. Acreage and production reports are also due annually.

August 1 - strawberries

September 1 - forage crops

September 15 - spinach, Swiss chard, kale

November 20 - orchard crops, honey

March 15 - melons, fresh market sweet corn, squash, pumpkins, peppers, tomatoes, most annual fruits and vegetables

To ensure coverage availability, please contact our office.

Farm Loans Available

- · Beginning Farmer & Rancher Loans
- · Emergency Loans (Time Sensitive)
- · Farm Operating Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)
- · Farm Ownership Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)
- · Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)
- · EZ Guarantee and Microloans
- · SDA (Women/Minority) Farmer & Rancher Loans
- · Youth Loans

Please contact Colleen Reed at (302) 856-3990 ext. 2 for more information about our Farm Loan Programs.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact <u>Maryann</u> Reed at <u>302-832-3100</u> extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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