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FSA’s FAX NUMBER IS CHANGING
In an effort to save on costs, FSA is implementing a new system for sending and receiving faxed documents. While changes will be made internally within FSA, the only change that affects you, our customer, is the number that you will use when faxing us documents.

Effective immediately, please send all faxes for the Racine Kenosha Milwaukee Farm Service Agency (FSA) to our office using the following toll-free number 1-855-813-6651.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

REMINDER: FALL ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE NOVEMBER 15TH!

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) would like to remind producers of new deadlines for submitting their annual report of acreage to local FSA county offices.

Producers of perennial forage crops, such as grass, hay, alfalfa, and pasture, as well as winter wheat and any other fall-seeded grains must submit a 2014 acreage report for those crops by Nov. 15, 2013. This date coincides with the deadline for these crops to be reported to your crop insurance agent when carrying federal crop insurance.
In prior years, reports for these crops were not
due to FSA until later in the spring and summer.

ACREAGE REPORTING, Continued

This change is part of an initiative at the national
level to align acreage reporting dates between
FSA and Risk Management Agency (RMA) and
reduce the crop reporting burden on producers.

All acreage must be reported for a farm,
including crops on non-cropland such as hayed
or grazed grassland. It is also important to
accurately report crops’ intended use. Intended
use is used to determine eligibility in many FSA
programs and cannot be revised once reported.

Producers should contact the FSA office if they
are uncertain about reporting deadlines. In order
to meet FSA program eligibility requirements,
producers must submit timely acreage reports.
Reports filed after the established deadlines
must meet certain requirements to be accepted
and may be charged late fees.

For more information on FSA crop reporting
requirements, contact the FSA office at 262-878-
3353.

UPCOMING NON-INSURED CROP
DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DEADLINES

FSA reminds producers interested in
participating in the Non-Insured Crop Disaster
Assistance Program (NAP) of the upcoming
application deadline dates that must be met for
NAP qualification.

NAP is designed to cover losses caused by
damaging weather conditions. If losses are in
excess of 50 percent, payment would be
received. Losses are generally determined by the
percentage of loss compared to the producer's
actual yield history. Eligible production losses
are paid at 55 percent of the established value
for the crop.

Application deadline dates for specific NAP
qualifying crops are listed.

- The application deadline date for the 2014
  NAP coverage for “value loss” crops such as
ginseng, turf grass sod, Christmas trees,
aquaculture, floriculture, and mushrooms is
  September 1, 2013.

- The deadline date for forage crops,
  including most spring planted forages and
  pasture land forages not covered by federal
crop insurance, is September 30, 2013.

- September 30, 2013 is the application
  closing date for winter and spring plantings
  of wheat, barley, rye, triticale and mint.

- Perennial crop deadlines on fruit and other
crops such as apples, pears, blueberries,
strawberries, grapes, honey, maple sap, asparagus
and other perennial fruits is November 20, 2013.

Producers with NAP coverage must remember
to timely file acreage reports and or inventories,
and keep track of harvested production using
acceptable methods. A “Notice of Loss” must
also be filed within 15 days of when a loss is
apparent, due to drought, hail, flood, etc. to
qualify for NAP.

Producers interested in NAP are encouraged to
contact Angie at the FSA office to obtain
coverage or for additional information on NAP
prior to the above deadline dates.

Are you thinking about
removing some trees or
fixing/adding some
drain tile?

Now is the time to call the
FSA office and fill out an AD-
1026 form for authorization.
Help maintain your eligibility
for USDA benefits!
262-878-3353
FEMA Welcomes Kenosha County to the Community Rating System

Residents and business owners in the unincorporated areas of Kenosha County can now enjoy a reduction in flood insurance premiums because of the county’s active participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). In addition to lower premiums, the CRS program helps to reduce the threat of damage due to flooding.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has verified that the voluntary actions undertaken by Kenosha County has exceeded the minimum standards of the NFIP and meet the criteria for a CRS Class 5 rating. The floodplain management activities implemented by Kenosha County qualify it for a 25 percent discount in the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after May 1, 2013. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities Kenosha County has implemented to protect lives and reduce property damage.

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program for communities participating in the NFIP. The intended goals of the program are to reduce flood losses, facilitate accurate insurance ratings, and to promote the awareness of flood insurance. For more information on the NFIP's Community Rating System program go to http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm

Kenosha County’s floodplain management staff has worked hard to insure that Kenosha County’s participation in the program pays off. In addition to the reduction in insurance premiums, local officials are more knowledgeable about floodplain management and its residents are more knowledgeable about mitigation and flood insurance. The CRS program helps to make Kenosha County a safer place to live, reduces the economic impact of flood hazards and saves citizens money on flood policy premiums.

Flood Hazard Areas

There are approximately 11,137 acres of land within the 100-year floodplain of the unincorporated areas of Kenosha County. Most flood events in Kenosha County are gradual - caused by excessive rain or snow. Although we suffered drought conditions in 2012 - the floods of 2007, 2008, and 2013 are a steady reminders that high water events occur much too often. In 2008 the Fox River reached an historic crest of over 15-feet, closing HWY 50. You should know if you are at risk. You can check on the Special Flood Hazard Areas in your neighborhood by looking at the Flood Insurance Rate Maps at FEMA’s Map Service Center: http://msc.fema.gov or visiting the Kenosha County Interactive mapping website at http://www.kenoshacounty.org/index.aspx?NID=673

The Kenosha County Interactive Mapping System also offers the following types of data: Parcels, Topography, Public Land Survey Information, Roads, Water Bodies, Zoning, Soils, Wetlands, Floodplain and Shoreland, and Aerial Photography dating back to 1937!!

Information on whether your property is in the 100-year floodplain can also be obtained by coming into the Department of Planning and Development. Maps are available to look at as well as other flood-related information or contact the Department of Planning and Development at 262-857-1895 for further assistance.

Natural & Beneficial Functions

Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems. Floodplains give a river system the wiggle room to naturally meander across the landscape providing natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage does not occur. These benefits provide aesthetic pleasure as well as function to provide active processes such as filtering nutrients. Floodplains also enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide feeding/breeding grounds maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem sustainability.
**Wildlife Damage Program**

The Wisconsin Wildlife Damage, Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) is available for Racine County residents. The county is contracted with USDA-APHIS – Wildlife Services to provide program assistance.

If you have crop damage due to deer, geese, turkeys, or cranes then contact USDA-APHIS – Wildlife Service at 1-800-433-0663. All crop damage must be reported within 14 days of the first damage each year.

**Grassed Waterways in 2014?**

Our office is seeing high demand for grassed waterways the past few years. Gullies that you have seen for years are getting fixed with some cost-share assistance. Planting winter wheat this fall allows staff time to view the site, survey elevations, note existing tile issues, and have a general sense of the best management practice to use. Staff can put together a construction plan while you have an opportunity to sign all necessary contracts, permits, and related documents to prepare for summer construction.

**Harvest Time, Great Time to Plan for Next Spring**

Are you looking for maximum return on your land with minimal hassle? Our grass buffer program is an extremely simple process with minimal requirements, minimal paperwork and very quick payment.

A. Does your agricultural land border a canal, river, lake, or wetland?

B. Do you think you may be within the Root River Watershed or Lake Michigan Drainage Area?

C. Would you like an upfront payment of $3,000 per acre?

The primary purpose of planting riparian buffers is to reduce erosion and runoff, improve water quality, and increase wildlife habitat. You won’t find an easier way to improve local land and water quality and get paid up front for doing it. If you need more information, or would like to apply, please call our office at 262-886-8440.

**Deer Donation Program**

The Deer Donation Program will be celebrating its 14th anniversary this fall. Since it’s inception in 2000, Wisconsin hunters have donated over 90,000 deer which were processed into over 3.6 million pounds of ground venison to families in need. Not only are families being helped, but the donations help move the deer in Wisconsin closer to healthier populations. Visit the Wisconsin DNR website for more information on time and locations.

**CREP is Back**

After a brief stoppage, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program is available once again. This program is available to most Racine County landowners with property along a stream, river or lake. Depending on where your property is located you may be eligible for very generous CREP payments up to $225/acre for buffering along the water. For more information call our office or log on to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection http://datcp.wi.gov/Environment/Land_and_Water_Conservation/CREP/Landowners/.
### Electronic Waste Recycling Event
In the parking lot from 8am – noon
- **FREE**
  - Laptops
  - Printers
  - Tablets
  - Electronic Medical Equipment
  - Circuit board based equipment
- **Cell Phones**
- **Scanners**
- **Handheld Games**
- **Dehumidifiers** – New this year
- **Home Phones**
- **Refrigerators** – New this year
- **Freezers** – New this year

There will be a $10 charge/television

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### Registration

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Fee includes lunch & conference resource packet.

**EARLY BIRD** Registration (postmarked by Oct. 25)

- # of adults @ $25/person $_____
- # of youth 14-18 @ $15/person $_____

or

**REGULAR** Registration (postmarked on/after Oct. 26)

- # of adults @ $30/person $_____
- # of youth 14-18 @ $20/person $_____

Total enclosed $_____

Please make check payable to: Kenosha County UW-Extension

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**Conference Location:**
19600 75th Street Bristol, WI
The Kenosha County Center is located at the intersection of Highways 45 and 50

### 7th Annual SE WI Rural Landowner Conference

**Designed for rural landowners, existing farmers and/or individuals who are interested in farming options**

**For more information:**
Rose Skora, 262-857-1945
rose.skora@ces.uwex.edu

### Organizers of the 7th Annual Southeastern Wisconsin Rural Landowner Workshop

- Farm Service Agency
- Kenosha County Land Conservation
- Kenosha, Racine and Walworth Counties UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Racine County Land Conservation
- Seno Center

### Businesses Conducting the Electronic Waste Collection

- Legacy Recycling, Racine
- Refrigerant Depot, Oak Creek

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EQIP SIGNUP DEADLINE

2014 Conservation Program Signups are under way. NRCS is urging farmers to plan ahead and have their permits in hand if they want to be considered high priority for conservation practice funding in 2014. The NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is the primary source of financial assistance (cost-sharing) for conservation practices on working lands, including those needing county, state or federal permits. The application deadline for 2014 funding will be Nov. 21, 2013.

WETLAND DETERMINATIONS

If you drain, clear trees, fill, or otherwise manipulate a wet area so that it can be cropped, you may lose eligibility for USDA programs. Before you do any alteration to a wet area, including clearing trees or maintenance of existing drainage, contact NRCS or FSA to request a wetland determination. We recommend that requests are made at least a month ahead of anticipated alterations so that our staff has time to complete the determination. Since spring usually sees a higher rate of wetland determination requests, it could take longer for USDA participants to receive a completed determination.

SURVEY REGARDING FARM TRANSITION AND SUCCESSION

Plan for the future of your farm or put it off and hope for the best—which will you choose? A planning effort can lead to a greater sense of ownership in the farm operations, enable greater financial security for each family member who is dependent on the operation, and can assist with decision-making. In short, a planning process promotes your family farm’s lasting legacy.

This UW-Extension Farm Transition and Succession Planning Survey was created to support farmers and farmland owners while assisting in educational program development. The survey is intended to present many facets of farm transfer. 15 minutes is sufficient to complete the survey.

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary; you can end the survey at any time. Confidentiality of survey results will be ensured unless survey participants wish to identify themselves for follow-up from UW-Extension educators.

The survey can be accessed at this long website address:
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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
1012 Vine Street, Union Grove, WI 53182 1330
Phone: 262-878-1243, Ext 3    Fax: 262-878-3283

Racine County Land Conservation Division
14200 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant, WI 53177
Phone: 262-886-8479, Fax: 262-886-8488

Kenosha County Land & Water Conservation
19600 75th St, Bristol, WI 53104
Phone: 262-857-1895, Fax: 262-857-6508

Kenosha County UW-Extension
19600 75th St, Suite 2, Bristol, WI 53104
Phone: 262-857-1945, Fax: 262-857-1998

Racine County UW-Extension
209 N. Main Street, Burlington, WI 53105
Phone: 262-767-2929, Fax: 262-767-2949

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