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Washtenaw and Wayne County FSA Updates

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**Next County Committee
Meeting:**
August 28, 2014

GOVDELIVERY CUSTOMERS ARE NOT IMPACTED BY THE HEARTBLEED BUG

GovDelivery customer subscriptions are not affected by the Heartbleed bug.

This bug has caused major security concerns among users of cloud technology. The Heartbleed bug refers to a flaw in an encryption tool used on the Internet that can expose data that is meant to be hidden.

Your GovDelivery account and information is safe. Nothing in the GovDelivery network architecture is affected by this bug.

You can find out more about the Heartbleed bug at <http://heartbleed.com>.

SOYBEAN REQUEST FOR REFERENDUM

The USDA Farm Service Agency is accepting Soybean Request For Referendum documents through May 30th 2014. The United Soybean Board administers a coordinated promotion and research program designed to expand uses of soybeans and soy products. Eligible voters must have produced soybeans and paid an assessment in 2012 or 2013. Producers who desire a referendum shall participate. Form LS-51-1 can be obtained online or from your FSA office and should be accompanied by supporting documentation. Contact the County Office for additional information

USDA'S FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) OFFERS FARM BILL WEBSITE AND ONLINE OVERVIEW OF FARM BILL PROGRAMS

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (the Act), also known as the 2014 Farm Bill, was signed by President Obama on Feb. 7, 2014. The Act repeals certain programs, continues some programs with modifications, and authorizes several new programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Most of these programs are authorized and funded through 2018.

Please visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmbill for the latest on 2014 Farm Bill programs administered by FSA. For an FSA Program Overview please read, download and/or print the FSA Farm Bill Fact Sheet titled, What's in the 2014 Farm Bill for Farm Service Agency Customers.

For more information on FSA, please contact the Washtenaw/Wayne County FSA Office or visit FSA online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

SAVE TIME – MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH FSA

As we roll out the Farm Bill programs administered by FSA, there will be related signups and in some cases multiple management decisions that need to be made by you, the producer, in consultation with FSA staff.

To insure maximum use of your time and to insure that you are afforded our full attention to your important business needs, please call our office to set up an appointment. This will allow us to discuss any records or documentation that you may need to have with you when you arrive for your appointment.

GUARANTEED LOAN ELIGIBILITY

Changes to FSA regulations have removed Guaranteed Operating term limits. Previous and current guaranteed loan borrowers who were not eligible for further guaranteed loans due to the previous 15 year eligibility term limit may now be eligible for further guaranteed loans through their commercial lender.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 31 - Final planting date for spring barley (Final date to file prevented planting - June 15)

May 31 - Last day to request commodity loan for corn or soybeans

June 5 - Final planting date for corn (Final date to file prevented planting - June 20)

June 15 - Final planting date for soybeans (Final date to file prevented planting - June 30)

July 4 - FSA office closed for Independence Day holiday

July 15 - Deadline to report most spring-seeded crops

August 1 - Final date for County Offices to receive FSA-669A's, County Committee nomination form

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