



To: Allegany SWCD – Board of Directors
Subject: November Report
From: Ben Renner, District Conservationist

COVID-19 office update: No changes. Recently, there have been several USDA offices throughout the state (5 USDA offices last week) that have experienced COVID cases. For at least the rest of this month, USDA employees are not authorized to travel between USDA offices (must work from one location only).

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)

- Working on finishing up annual grazing payments for this calendar year
- Working on design for Ellis' roof runoff and waste storage closure
- Beginning to assess FY2021 applications

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- Completed FY2020 annual payments on all 11 active CSP contracts

CRP-G (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – Grasslands)

- Surveyed and working on design for Ellis' watering system and animal walkway





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TO Allegany County Soil and Water Conservation District Board
FROM Nicole Ayers
County Executive Director
SUBJECT November Meeting Report

Interest rates are the lowest ever for loans administered by FSA Farm Programs; November rates are: Commodity Loans (9 month) – 1.125%, Farm Storage Facility Loans (3, 5, 7, 10 and 12 years) –0.125%, 0.250%,0.500%, 0.750% and 0.875%.

2020 Dairy Margin Coverage Program (DMC) has been paying producers for low margins in the months of March, April, May and September so far. Allegany County has paid out over \$133,000 to producers who bought eligible coverage. 2021 DMC enrollment began in October and will end December 11th.

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) began signups on May 26th, Allegany County FSA paid out over \$2.3 million to producers in the county. We began CFAP 2.0 program enrollment, on September 21st and there have been some changes in eligibility compared to the first program. Producers have until December 11th to enroll in CFAP 2.0. Allegany County FSA has paid out \$1.65 Million so far for this program.

ARC-PLC payments were released during the month of October, a total of approx. \$197,000 was paid out for this program.

A total of \$4.4 million has been paid out to producers in Allegany County from our office since January 1st.

Our election this year is for a producer to represent the townships of : *Alfred, Allen, Almond, Amity, Angelica, Birdsall, Burns, Grove, Ward and West Almond* to serve for Local Administrative Area #1. Ballots were mailed on November 2nd, and we have 2 candidates: Chelsea Bouffard and Anne Latham, all ballots need to be returned by December 7th and will be counted on December 10th.

Currently both Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties are categorized as Level-1 counties in terms of re-opening. Producers are unable to access the building, but we can have up to 10 employees in the building at a time. Allegany County and Cattaraugus County are no longer in a shared management arrangement.