Annie’s Continues to Grow

Welcome to many recent participants of Annie’s Project. The Annie’s Project newsletter is sent about once or twice a year, and contains information that the instructor team believes may be of interest to you.

The goal of the newsletter is to complement material covered during Annie’s Project and provide information on upcoming classes. If anyone has ideas for future articles please e-mail Karisha Devlin or Mary Sobba (e-mail addresses are in the left column).

Did you miss a session of your Annie’s Project class? Most instructors are willing to let folks pick up a class they missed in future classes. You may want to contact your instructor and see if that is possible. There is a partial list of classes on the back page of this newsletter. Several more classes are still being planned, so those will be added to the Annie’s website when they are finalized at http://extension.missouri.edu/annie

Future:
Annie’s Project has expanded to 28 states now and just recently Arizona and California are interested in Annie’s Project. Coming soon will be more classes in Missouri. We will have Annie’s Project classes and Annie’s Project II—Women Marketing Grain & Livestock classes this fall/winter. Watch the Annie’s website for a complete listing of classes. (a few are listed on the back page)

The Annie’s team is working on new curriculum, so be watching for some new classes later this winter and next winter. More details will be available in the months ahead, but it is exciting!

It is important to remember and thank those that make Annie’s Project possible. University of Missouri Extension coordinates and delivers the program, but it takes much more to make the program a success. The program is partially funded by a grant through USDA Risk Management Agency, also in Missouri Farm Service Agency is a statewide partner. Farm Credit is a local and national sponsor. Also thank you to all of you past participants that spread the word about Annie’s Project. We appreciate it. Thank you!
USDA News for Farm Women

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack and Assistant Attorney General West Announce Process to Resolve Discrimination Claims of Hispanic and Women Farmers

As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Assistant Attorney General Tony West announced the establishment of a process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

“The Obama Administration has made it a priority to resolve all claims of past discrimination at USDA, and we are committed to closing this sad chapter in USDA’s history,” said Vilsack. “Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege past discrimination can come forward to participate in a claims process and have the opportunity to receive compensation.”

“Under the resolution announced, USDA and Hispanic and women farmers will be able to move forward and focus on the future,” said Tony West, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the Department of Justice. “The administrative process being established will give Hispanic and women farmers who believe they suffered discrimination the chance to have their claims heard.”

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least $1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to $160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. This announcement follows the Obama Administration’s settlement of longstanding litigation brought by African American farmers and Native American farmers.

The program announced provides up to $50,000 for each Hispanic or woman farmer who can show that USDA denied them a loan or loan servicing for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. Hispanic or female farmers who provide additional proof and meet other requirements can receive a $50,000 reward. Successful claimants are also eligible for funds to pay the taxes on their awards and for forgiveness of certain existing USDA loans. There are no filing fees or other costs to participate in the program. Participation is voluntary, and individuals who opt not to participate are not precluded by the program from filing a complaint in court.

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Hay: Buy and/or Sell

The weather this summer has created extra hay in some locations and others are left scrambling trying to find enough hay since the drought hit. The drought in other states has created a market for those with extra hay.

There are some tools available to aid in buying or selling hay. The MU AgEBB website is a free place to list hay for sale or to look for hay to buy. http://agebb.missouri.edu/haylst

Any farmer can go to the website and post a listing. It does require a username and password, but directions are on the site. The hay listings are left on that site for free for 60 days. If you want it posted longer you can modify it or let it expire and relist.

There is also a hay directory on the Missouri Department of Agriculture website. That website uses the data AgEBB, but it does not automatically delete after 60 days, so some of the postings could be older.

New Extension Publications

During Annie’s Project class, many of you became familiar with the MU guidesheets. Below are a few new ones that may be of interest. Most are available in hard copy at your local Extension office (may have a small fee) and are free online. To obtain online http://extension.missouri.edu/publications then type in the name or number and click on “go”. Most have a place to click on the left side for pdf format.

Meat Goat Management Wheel   MP-913 can purchase for $9 or can download for free Through MU Extension Publications

Online only
Missouri’s Fencing and Boundary Laws: Frequently Asked Questions & Answers:   G-811

Freshwater Prawns G-9471
Fuel Storage Requirements

Oil Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Program: Information for Farmers

In 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized its amendments to the SPCC. Under the rule, revised requirements were promulgated for farms and ranches; aboveground fuel storage capacity is the major factor in determining if a producer must have a spill control plan. Farms that meet all of the following criteria are covered by the SPCC regulations:

- Stores, transfers, uses, or consumes oil or oil products, such as diesel fuel, gasoline, lube oil, hydraulic oil, adjuvant oil, crop oil, vegetable oil, or animal fat; and
- Stores more than 1,320 US gallons in aboveground containers or more than 42,000 US gallons in completely buried containers; and
- Could reasonably be expected to discharge oil to waters of the US or adjoining shorelines, such as interstate waters, intrastate lakes, rivers, and streams.

Farms with a storage capacity above 10,000 gallons need to complete a plan certified by a professional engineer. Operations with storage capacity less than 10,000 gallons but greater than 1,320 gallons may complete and self-certify a plan using a template provided by EPA, but the criteria should be reviewed to make certain this option is available.

Bottom line, if you have 1,320 gallons of petroleum storage or more, a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan needs to be completed by November 11, 2011.

For further information a brochure from the EPA can be downloaded through the Agricultural Retailers Association at: http://bit.ly/kXrewy

To download the forms for a SPCC plan go to: http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/spcc

The SPPC plan can be “simple” insurance plan for those with over 1320 gallons of petroleum products on their farm. The SPPC plan can help a farmer or agricultural facility be prepared to prevent and respond to oil spills and protect water resources.

If you have any questions or for more information, contact your Extension Natural Resource Engineering Specialist.

(By Kent Shannon, MU Natural Resource Engineering Specialist)

Women in Boots & Blue Jeans - Ag Risk Management Conference

This program came from your ideas. The conference is being offered in six locations. Earlier this Spring there were three conferences and on Aug. 23rd there will be three more: Albany, Carrollton and Warrensburg.

The focus will be Managing Your Farm Financial Risk. The sessions will include:

- A Look Inside the Crystal Ball (Agricultural Outlook)
- What is Uncle Sam’s share? (Income & Estate Tax)
- The Wind Blows, the Hail Falls, and the Floods Surge, How Can We Protect our Farm Businesses? (Crop Insurance)
- Land - Necessary Ingredient to Farming (Cash Rent & Land Prices)

The conferences will begin about 9:30 a.m. and conclude about 3:00 p.m. More details and registration found on the website at http://extension.missouri.edu/boots

These conferences are partially funded through a grant from the USDA Risk Management Agency.

Interesting Websites

MU Listing of Feed By-Products (Listing of prices and locations of by-products) http://agebb.missouri.edu/dairy/byprod/bpmenu.asp

MU Extension Energy (farm & home) http://extension.missouri.edu/energy

Missouri Ag Statistics Can get county estimates for crops and livestock. http://agebb.missouri.edu then click on Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service

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Other Ag Business Related Classes:

Bethany - (Harrison County) Ins and Outs of Farm Leasing—Sept. 1 (Randa Doty*)

Concordia—(Lafayette County) Women Landowners Ag Conference Nov. 10 (Whitney Wiegel*)

Leeton - (Johnson County) Ins and Outs of Farm Leasing—Sept. 1 (Whitney Wiegel*)

Linn - (Osage County) Ins and Outs of Farm Leasing—Sept. 1 (Mary Sobba*)

Mexico - (Audrain County) Energy Conservation Farm Tour—Aug. 29 (Mary Sobba*)

Annie’s Project:

Upcoming Classes:
more classes will be added to the fall/winter schedule. Watch the website listed on the front page.

Annie’s Project:
Moberly—Nov. 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6 & 13  
Contact: Joe Koenen*

Palmyra—Nov. 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6 & 13  
Contact: Karisha Devlin*

Annie’s Project II: Women Marketing Grain & Livestock
Maryville—Nov. 8, 15, 19 & Dec. 6  
Contact: Randa Doty*

* contact phone numbers are on the front page left column . Registration information and other details are available by contacting the person listed.