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**Wheat, Barley, Oats
 Crop Reports**

County offices are taking crop reports with planting dates on wheat, barley, and oats acres for grain or hay. Producers may also report CRP and permanent pasture acres at this time.



NAP Program Deadlines Extended

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides benefits to producers of commercial agriculture products for which multi-peril crop insurance coverage is not available. NAP is designed to reduce financial losses when natural disasters cause catastrophic reduction in production. *Producers interested in the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) need to be aware that NAP policies must be purchased for all crops. Without coverage producers would not be able to participate in the 2009 SURE program.*

To purchase a NAP policy you pay a fee of \$250 per crop per administrative county; or \$750 per producer per administrative county, but not to exceed a total of \$1,875 per producer. Beginning Farmer and Limited Resource provisions apply to NAP. The fees must be paid by the applicable closing date for each crop. The coverage period begins 30 days after your application is filed and the administrative fees are paid.

The deadline to purchase a NAP policy or continue coverage for **apples, grapes, peaches, ornamental nursery crops, Christmas trees, wheat and other small grains (for hay or silage), and turf grass sod crops** has been **extended** for 2009 only to December 1, 2008. The following is a sample of some later sales closing dates for commonly insured commodities. Please contact your local office if you are producing a non-insurable crop and wish to purchase coverage

Double Crop Soybeans	March 15, 2009	All Forages	March 15, 2009
All Grasses	March 15, 2009	Sweet Corn	March 15, 2009
Most Other Vegetables	March 15, 2009	Pumpkins	March 15, 2009

Don't Forget to Turn In Your 2008 NAP Production Evidence

Did you purchase a 2008 NAP policy ? If so, it is *extremely* important to provide actual production history to the office. The production history ensures your operation receives tailored coverage for losses caused by natural disasters. Remember, production evidence is subject to spot check for three years and should be retained.

Farm Ownership or Operation Changes

Producers need to notify their local office prior to the beginning of the 2009 program year of any changes in their farming operations including:

- ◆ **Farm Ownership Changes (this includes transferring your land into a trust)**
- ◆ **Changes in entity structure**
- ◆ **Operator changes-(can be made with the owners verification or by submitting a lease containing the operator and owners' signatures)**
- ◆ **Changes in land use (did you build a new barn, house, machine shed).**



Farm Storage Facility Loans

Did you need more storage capability for your farming operation this fall? Do you have obsolete, unusable bins? Low cost, seven-year loans for storage facilities continue to be available from FSA for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities. Many bin companies offer special end of year pricing. See your county office to make your application today.



NOTE: Although the 2008 FSFL loan program includes biomass storage, this change will not be in effect until later in 2009.

Commodity Loans

As harvest begins, grain prices typically begin to fall. Producers may need capital at this time but are reluctant to sell grain at these lower prices. One of the tools that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides is the Marketing Assistance Loan Program. Farmers can borrow money using their stored grain as collateral. The grain can either be stored on the farm or in a government approved warehouse facility. The term of the loan is nine months, and is offered at low interest rates (November is 2.5%).

A commodity loan provides producers with interim financing at harvest time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their grain when prices are typically at harvest time lows. Contact your local FSA county office for details.

Conservation Compliance Still Around

With the passing of the 1985 Farm Bill, Congress put emphasis on Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Compliance. Many of you remember receiving an HEL and WC Determination on your farmland, developing and following a conservation plan.

Twenty-three years later, HEL and WC Compliance is still part of the Farm Bill. With the high prices of commodities, producers may consider cropping land that has not had determinations made. Conservation compliance is required if you are a participant in any USDA programs.

If your ground is determined to be Highly Erodible and you are not following a conservation plan, you may be out of compliance on all farms, not just the one without a plan. Check with your local NRCS to review the fields covered by your farm plan.

Farmer's Choice of Administrative County

Producers that own and operate farms in adjoining counties may choose to conduct FSA business in one administrative county. A producer may choose any administrative county if it is significantly more convenient. The county must be adjoining or contiguous to where the farm is physically located.

This is a one time selection process for the current operator of the farm, and may not be used to circumvent program provisions in any way. If this is an option you would like to explore please contact your local county office. The transfer is subject to County Committee approval.

November Select Interest Rates

- ◆ Farm Operating-Direct 3.375 %
- ◆ Farm Ownership Direct 4.875%
- ◆ Limited Resource 5.00%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer 1.5%
- ◆ Emergency 3.375%
- ◆ Farm Storage Facility 3.25%
- ◆ Commodity Loans 2.5%



Program Payment Limits

For FY2009

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DCP Direct	\$40,000
NAP	\$100,000
SURE, LIP, LFP, ELAP	\$100,000
Counter-Cyclical and ACRE	\$65,000
CRP Annual Payment	\$50,000
LDP and Market Gain	Unlimited

*Further clarification for

Direct Attribution will be provided in an upcoming newsletter announcement.



Farm Program Sign Up Dates To Be Announced

Producers will soon be able to visit their local offices to enroll in the Farm Programs offered under the 2008 Farm Bill. Many programs have the same name just a few new provisions under the new legislation. A few of the programs are listed below:

- ◆ **ACRE- Average Crop Revenue Election** ◆ **LFP- Livestock Feed Program**
- ◆ **SURE- Supplemental Revenue Assistance** ◆ **FSFL- Farm Stored Facility Loans**
- ◆ **NAP- Non-insurable Disaster Assistance Program** ◆ **ELAP-LIP- Livestock Emergency Programs**

The ACRE program is new for 2009 and is a farm by farm election. ACRE payments are calculated based on the actual crop acres planted (up to the previous crop base). Crop revenue will be determined by using the farm's previous 5 year production yields times prices based on a two year average (either 2006-07 or 07-08 average prices). The two average price years have not been decided, but is a key issue in making an ACRE election decision. The election to enroll in the ACRE program is irrevocable. By enrolling in ACRE producers would give up some current benefits. A 20% reduction in direct payments, a 30% reduction in marketing assistance loan rates, and no counter-cyclical payments.

ACRE payments are triggered when both the Actual State Revenue for the crop year for the covered commodity is less than ACRE Program Guarantee AND Actual Farm Revenue is less than the Farm ACRE Benchmark Revenue.

Additional Farm Bill Changes For 2009 Farm Program Payments

There will be new paperwork requirements to receive program payments in 2009.

Producers will notice drastic changes in Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitations when visiting their office. **Average non-farm AGI** cannot exceed \$500,000 to qualify for commodity program benefits, **farm average AGI** cannot exceed \$750,000 to remain eligible for direct crop base payments and **average adjusted non-farm income** cannot exceed one million (with some exceptions) to remain eligible for Conservation programs. The rules for AGI provisions have changed significantly and producers should be sure to review all information carefully before making their certification.

Another substantial change for producers is the elimination of permitted entity rules. This will allow producers to receive payments from a number of entities as long as payment limits allow. Producers that are a legal entity (LLC, LP, Trusts, Estates) *will* need to provide written documentation that accounts for all shares of the entity if it is not currently on file at the local office. Your local office will have more information as additional program details are received.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE)

The 2008 Farm Bill created the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program. To be eligible for this program, producers must purchase at least catastrophic risk protection (CAT) level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for non-insurable crops. **Every crop in every county that a producer has a risk in must be covered by crop insurance or NAP coverage in order to be eligible for the new disaster programs. (See below)**

Two exceptions are: crops considered "not of economic significance for the farm" and grazed land are not required to be insured to be eligible for the SURE program. In order for the program to take effect, producers must be in a county that has had a secretarial disaster declaration (or a contiguous county), or they must have had at least a 50% loss in total farm revenue regardless of county designation.

The program is revenue based and will not pay at the individual crop or farm loss level. Payments will be based on average market prices following the marketing year and would be issued late in 2009 for 2008 losses. Payment calculation will be available soon and will be publicized.

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Dates to Remember

November 27
Offices Closed

December 1

Extended Deadline for NAP coverage for Apples, Grapes, Peaches, Fall-seeded crops and others.

December 3

Last Day to Return County Committee Election Ballots

December 25
Offices Closed

December 31

NAP Application Closing Date for Potatoes.

January 1
Offices Closed

Ongoing

- ◆ **Continuous CRP**
- ◆ **Update Farm Changes.**
- ◆ **Farm Facility Loans.**
- ◆ **Wheat, Barley and Other Small Grain Crops Reporting**



Receiving A Check? Changing Banks?

The majority of Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit. This has cut down on the number of missing or late payments and reduced the time required to deposit funds. If you have changed bank accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact your county office.

There will be a change for vendors or producers that receive payments in a check from the FSA office. **County offices will no longer disburse checks directly from their offices.** Offices will now notify the U.S. Treasury that a payment is due and the Treasury will mail a check. This may mean an additional 7-10 day delay in receiving a payment. Producers with direct deposit will not be affected by this change.

Another part of "Check Centralization" means all producers will now be notified of either a direct deposit or check payments from Kansas City instead of a mailing from their county offices.

Foreign Landowner Notification

Foreign investors who buy, sell or hold a direct or indirect interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture. Failure to timely file an accurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

Special Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the local FSA county office.

Flooding In Callaway County

Callaway County FSA is taking applications under ECP (Emergency Conservation Program) for damages resulting from the September flooding. The signup started October 27 and will run until December 26, 2008.