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Goshen County News

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2005/2006/2007 Disaster Sign-ups Continue

Goshen County FSA is continuing to take applications for 2005/2006/2007:

- Crop Disaster Program (CDP) Quantity losses
- Crop Disaster Program (CDP) Quality losses

We have begun to take signups for CDP Quality losses. If you believe that you may qualify for benefits due to crop quality issues, contact this office for detailed information on what you need to supply for the application process.

No deadline has been set for CDP signups.

NAP Reminders

Concerning Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policies, in the event of a crop failure caused by natural disaster, the producer needs to notify the local FSA office by completing a "Notice of Loss" (form CCC-576). The notice of loss must be executed within 15 days of the date the damage became apparent. Failure to timely report the loss could result in loss of benefits.

The deadline for purchasing 2009 NAP coverage on fall seeded and perennial crops (including pasture) in Wyoming is December 1, 2008. Deadline to purchase 2009 NAP coverage on spring seeded crops is April 1, 2009. 2009 fees for NAP will increase to \$250/crop, maximum of \$750/county and \$1875 nationally.

If a producer wants coverage under SURE, LFP, TAP, or ELAP (see page 2), all non-insurable crops nationwide must have NAP coverage.

Crop Insurance Deadlines

We remind everyone that the deadline to purchase coverage for 2009 winter wheat and forage production will be September 30, 2008. Deadline to purchase 2009 crop insurance for spring seeded crops is March 15, 2009.

If a producer wants coverage under SURE, LFP, TAP, or ELAP (see page 2), all insurable crops nationwide must have coverage.

2008 COC Election Information

This year's election in Goshen County covers LAA 2, which covers all of Townships 24 & 25. Currently, Stan Speckner represents the County Committee in this area. Stan will be running again for this position.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters around November 2. Instructions for voting will be included. December 3 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office, or postmarked. Please take some time to vote and select your representative on the County Committee.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan.1, 2009.

NOTICE: Supplemental Disaster Programs Requires Crop Insurance or NAP 2008 Eligibility "Buy-In" Deadline is September 16, 2008

The recently-enacted Farm Bill legislates permanent supplemental disaster programs covering losses to crops, trees/vines/bushes, forage, and other losses due to adverse weather. These programs require the crops you planted, grew, produced, failed or were prevented from planting to have been covered by federal crop insurance or FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). *All of your crops on all of your acreage in all counties and states must be covered, not only those acres that suffered losses.*

Due to the late passage of the Farm Bill in May, you will be given an opportunity to "buy-in" to the disaster program by paying a \$100/crop catastrophic crop insurance and/or NAP service fee for any 2008 crops that are not already covered by crop insurance or NAP.

This eligibility "buy-in" must be completed by September 16, 2008 at your local FSA Office. Note that the 2008 buy-in fee does NOT provide you with crop insurance coverage or NAP benefits. There is a maximum of \$300 buy-in fee per administrative county or \$900 maximum for all counties that the producer operates in. There are separate maximums for CAT and NAP fees. Once this coverage requirement is met, you may be eligible for one or more of the following programs:

- **Supplemental Revenue Program (SURE):** Crop Disaster Program - Covers crop revenue losses from quantity or quality deficiencies in disaster declared counties, contiguous counties, or in cases where the overall production loss exceeds 50%
- **Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP):** Livestock Disaster Program - Compensates livestock owners for forage losses due to drought. Additionally, losses due to wildfire will be covered on public lands.
- **Tree Assistance Program (TAP):** Provides for partial reimbursement for replanting, salvage, pruning, debris removal and land preparation for orchardists and nursery tree growers if losses exceed 15%.
- **Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP):** Emergency relief to producers of livestock (including horses), honey bees, and farm-raised fish. Covers losses from disasters such as adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires not adequately covered by any other disaster program. This program is authorized at the discretion of the Secretary.

The **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality was also authorized in the Farm Bill. This is the only disaster program that does not require crop insurance or NAP coverage.

Further details of all of these disaster programs, including signup information, will be provided at a later date. Note that additional requirements exist for disaster programs eligibility.

Fact Sheets for the supplemental disaster program can be found at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstype=prfactsheet>

Bottom Line: To be eligible for Disaster Programs in 2008, you must pay the fees for the eligibility buy-in at your FSA Office by September 16, 2008.

CRP CRITICAL FEED USE (CFU)

A reminder to those CRP participants who have been approved for 2008 CFU, the deadlines to complete haying or grazing, as applicable are:

- If approved under Category A provisions, grazing deadline is November 10, 2008 and all hay must be removed by November 10, 2008.
- If approved under either Category B or C provisions, grazing deadline is October 15, 2008, and all haying must be completed and hay removed by September 30, 2008.

New Programs under the 2008 Farm Bill

We are receiving numerous inquiries concerning new programs that are included in the new Farm Bill, specifically:

- **Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program**
- **Supplemental Revenue Program (SURE)**

We have very little detailed information on either of these programs at this time. As we learn more, we will pass it on to you.

2008 DCP Signup

County offices will accept 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) applications through Sept. 30, 2008.

USDA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2008, eligible producers may request to receive direct advance payments based on **22 percent** of the direct payment rate for each base commodity associated with the farm. Final direct payments are scheduled to be issued in October 2008. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate) for a commodity is below its target price.

For more information, contact this office.

GRAZING LAND INSURANCE INFORMATION

USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) has announced that GRP rangeland insurance will not be available in eastern Wyoming as of crop year 2009. RMA will still offer Pasture Range Forage Insurance (PRF) Coverage. For information on PRF, see your insurance agent.

With the elimination of GRP on rangeland, farmers/ranchers once again have the option of purchasing coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) through FSA. The deadline for purchasing NAP on pasture for 2009 is December 1, 2008. This deadline also applies to all fall seeded crops and perennials covered under NAP. For more information contact this office.

Based on preliminary information concerning permanent disaster programs implemented by the 2008 Farm Bill (SURE, LFP, TAP, ELAP, LIP), it appears that producers will be required to have either NAP or RMA coverage on all applicable crops, including pasture, to be eligible for these programs.

Don't forget the availability of commodity loans on small grains, course grains, and oilseeds!

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Dates to Remember	
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Continuous	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Sept. 30, 2008	Final date to apply for 2008 DCP benefits
Dec. 1, 2008	Deadline to obtain NAP coverage on perennial (including pasture) and fall seeded crops
Sept. 16, 2008	Deadline for 2008 Disaster "Buy-In" provision
Sept. 30, 2008	Deadline to hay CRP under CFU provisions (Categories B/C)
Oct. 15, 2008	Deadline to graze CRP under CFU provisions (Categories B/C)
Nov. 10, 2008	Deadline to hay or graze CRP under Category A CFU provisions

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