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Continuous CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) allows landowners to voluntarily enroll acreage in to conservation practices that reduces soil erosion, improves water and soil quality, and provides wildlife habitat and food sources. Eligible landowners enter into 10-15 year contracts in return for receiving annual rental, maintenance, incentive, and cost share payments. Signup can take place anytime during the year. For more information on CCRP, contact this office.

NAP REMINDER

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

If you had NAP coverage in 2007, remember to provide production evidence of the mechanically harvested crops prior to July 1, 2008. The deadline to purchase NAP is April 1 for spring seeded crops.

Production Reminder

Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete information of the harvested production. Acceptable records include verifiable or reliable commercial receipts, settlement sheets, or load summaries if the crop was sold. Documentary evidence, such as contemporaneous measurements, truck scale tickets and contemporaneous diaries to verify information provided of production for crops that were stored, sold, or fed to livestock.

2008 WOOL

Wool, mohair, and unshorn pelt producers are reminded that the 2008 crop year began as of January 1, 2008. Producers should complete and submit Page 1 of Form 633 EZ to cover themselves for LDP purposes on these commodities. The county office has been advised to accepted applications requested for 2008 only thru April 18, 2008, at this time. It is recommended that you submit your application as soon as you have sheared. If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact this office.

BEWARE OF CROP INSURANCE REBATING SCHEMES!

With the spring closing date for many Federal crop insurance policies right around the corner, crop insurance agents have stepped up their marketing efforts. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received reports from producers and agents that some aggressive marketers have been approaching producers with rebating offers. These schemes promise lower premiums, refunds, dividends, or items of value tied to crop insurance purchases. Most of these activities are illegal. RMA reminds all Federal crop insurance program participants that it is now coordinating with state regulators to take appropriate regulatory action against all those who are found to promote or participate in such schemes. **Producers who are found to participate in illegal rebating activities will not only lose their crop insurance coverage but will also lose eligibility in all USDA programs.** Producers and agents can report suspicions of illegal rebating to the OIG Hotline: 1-800-424-9121.

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Farm Reconstitutions

In program terminology, farms are *constituted* to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the cropland for each resulting tract relates to the cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

Dates to Remember

April 1 st	Final Day for NAP Enrollment for Springs Seeded Crops
May 26 th	Office Closed for Memorial Day
July 1	Final Date for NAP Production Evidence for 2007 Crops
On Going	LCP and CDP Signup
Continues	Continuous CRP

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