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Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is a federally funded program designed to reduce financial losses that occur when damaging weather or adverse natural occurrences cause a catastrophic loss of production of an eligible crop or agricultural commodity. The payment limitation for NAP is \$100,000 per "person" per year.

Sales Closing Date for Crops for Crop Year 2007

The sales closing date for crops such as **Vegetable, fruits, forage, honey and other crops will be December 1, 2006.**

For Value Loss crops like floriculture, nursery, aquaculture and Christmas trees the sales closing date is September 1, 2006.

How are Payments Calculated?

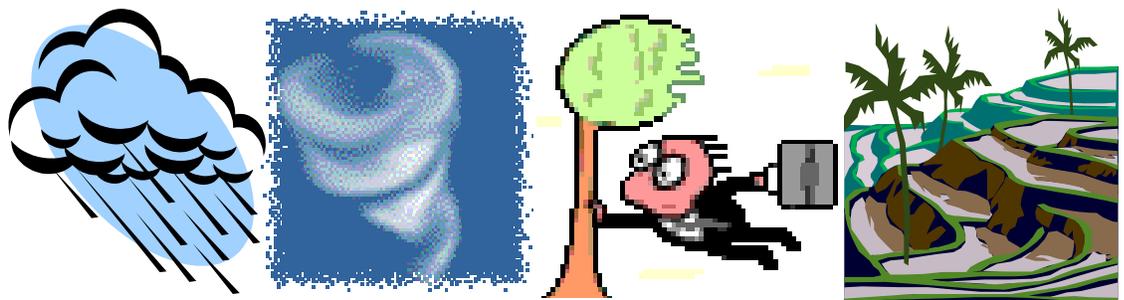
For value loss crops such as nursery and aquaculture, NAP coverage pays for the loss of value in excess of 50% of the total value. NAP payments are then made at 55% of the established market price.

How Much Does It Cost?

A nonrefundable service fee in an amount that is equal to the lesser of \$100 per crop per administrative county; or \$300 per producer, per administrative county, but not to exceed a total of \$900 for multiple county producers.

Acreage Reporting

Only crops for which a unit acreage report is on file with the FSA office will be eligible for NAP assistance. Unit acreage certification must include all acreage of the eligible crop, and each crop in the event of multiple planting, in which, during the crop year the producer has an interest in the county.



**COUNTY COMMITTEE
ELECTION (CCE)**

This year's elections will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA) C or 3, which includes the Kawaihau zone of (4)-4-8' and (4)-4-9's, the sections known as: Anahola, Alimanu, Papaa and the Moloaa area. Plus, the entire Hanalei Tax Map Key zone of (4)-5's.

YOUR 2006 CCE NOMINEES ARE:

1. Philip D.B. Davies: Resides and farms in Waiakalua and produces Organic Vegetables for the past 14 years. Mr. Davies is a member of the Hawaii Organic Farmers Association and a member of the Farm Bureau.

2. Karol M. Haraguchi: Resides and farms in Hanalei Valley and has been farming taro for the past 31 years Ms. Haraguchi is a member of the Kauai Taro Growers Association, Kauai Historical Society, Ho'opulapula Haraguchi Rice Mill, and a member of the Farm Bureau.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by **November 3**. Ballots must be returned or post marked to the Kauai County FSA office by **December 4**.

Ballots will be counted at the FSA office in Lihue on **December 11** at 9:00 a.m.

Please follow the voting instructions carefully.

Only signed ballots will be counted.

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Connie Holman, for all your agricultural loan needs. Please call (808) 483-8600, ext #: 107



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