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Corn, Grain Sorghum and Soybeans 2007 Advance Counter-Cyclical Payment (CC)

USDA has announced because market prices are high, producers with corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans base acres enrolled in the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program will not receive a partial 2007 crop year advance payment.

2005-2007 Crop Disaster Assistance Program

FSA County Offices are continuing to accept applications for the 2005, 2006, and 2007 Crop Disaster Assistance Program (CDP) for quantity losses. Interested producers should contact their respective county office for assistance. Eligible producers must have suffered a losses in excess of 35 percent, and must have obtained Federal Crop Insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss.

Acreage Reporting Deadline for Fall-Seeded Crops is May 15, 2008

May 15, 2008, is the deadline to report fall-seeded crops to your local FSA Office. It is unknown at this time if an acreage report will be required to obtain any potential USDA benefits in the future. However, in the previous Farm Bill acreage reports were required in order to obtain program benefits. Producers are encouraged to timely certify planted and prevented planted acreage.

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Failed and Prevented Planted Acreage

Failed Acreage Provisions – Producers should report failed crop acres to their local FSA Office when the crop is failed due to disaster-related conditions. To be timely filed, acreage reports for failed acreage shall be filed *before the crop is destroyed*. County Committee review and action is required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. For crops for which Federal Crop Insurance is not available, you may be eligible for Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

Prevented Planted Provisions – Producers should report prevented planted acreage to their local FSA Office when the crop acreage is not planted due to disaster-related conditions. To be considered timely filed, prevented planted acres should be reported no later than *15 calendar days after the final planting date* established by Federal Crop Insurance. County Committee review and action are required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

County Committee may not approve acreage that:

- Was not planted because of a management decision
- Was used for conservation purposes, including any that was intended to be left idle
- Had a previous or subsequent crop planted that does not meet the double-cropping provisions
- Does not meet other applicable rules.

Availability of 2008 Crop Year Wool, Mohair, Unshorn Pelts, and Honey Loans and LDP's

The President recently signed a law extending some authorities of the current farm bill through April 18, 2008. This law makes available 2008 crop year marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments (LDP's) on wool, mohair, and honey. In addition, this law makes available 2008 crop year LDP's on unshorn pelts.

For a 2008 crop year loan or LDP on wool, mohair, and unshorn pelts, the commodity must have been produced in the 2008 calendar year and the loan or LDP must be requested on or before April 18, 2008. In addition, the animal must have been owned by you for at least 30 calendar days prior to shearing or slaughter.

For a 2008 crop year loan or LDP on honey, the honey must have been extracted in the 2008 calendar year and the loan or LDP must be requested between April 1, 2008, and April 18, 2008. For more information on these provisions, contact your local FSA office.

**Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
Acreage Reporting Deadlines Announced**

2008 NAP Acreage Reporting Deadline	
Pecans – Native and Improved varieties	April 1, 2008
Greens – All varieties, Spring Planted	
Forage Crops – for Hay and Pasture (mechanically harvested acreage and grazing acreage)	
Small Grain Crops for Hay or Grazing (barley & oats)	
Broccoli	May 15, 2008
Cabbage	
Carrots	
Sweet Corn	
Lettuce – All varieties	
Potatoes – All varieties	
Strawberries	
Tomatoes – Spring Planted	