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DISASTER SIGNUP

Sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program have been announced. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) starting **September 10, 2007**. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning **October 15, 2007**, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses or and LIP for livestock losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration will also be eligible.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented planting, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple com-

modities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35% to be eligible for CDP. Contact Karl at ext.107 for details.

NAP Deadline Approaching

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) deadline for fall seeded crops is approaching. NAP is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production for an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance.

NAP participation is increasingly becoming a condition for eligibility in other Disaster Programs. ALL producers are strongly encouraged to reevaluate the appropriateness of NAP coverage for their operations. (See page 4 for the final dates to apply for NAP coverage in California.)

Producers who had NAP coverage may choose to continue coverage on the same crops for next year, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crops.

Producers who choose to add or delete a crop from the previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471, with signatures, and pay the applicable service fee. Producers with NAP coverage are required to 1) file a Notice of Loss within

Final DCP Payments For 2007

Enrolled producers can expect their final direct payment to be directly deposited into personal bank accounts sometime during the last weeks of October.

Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum after the end of the fiscal year (September 30).

The direct payment for a crop equals 85% of the farm's base acreage *times* (x) the farm's direct payment yield *times* (x) the direct payment rate.

If there are any unearned advance counter-cyclical payments, Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically subtract those amounts from the final Direct and Counter-cyclical Program payments you are about to receive.

If you have any questions call Lynette at ext. 114



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15 days of when a loss is apparent; 2) timely file acreage reports; and 3) keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods.

If you have any questions call Karl at ext. 107

DEBT COLLECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1996

The DCIA provides, among other things, that a person owing a delinquent non-tax debt to the Federal Government is ineligible for Federal financial assistance, including direct loans (other than disaster loans) or loan insurance or guarantee. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001 amended DCIA to exclude marketing assistance loans or loan LDPs from the restrictions on barring delinquent Federal debtors from obtaining Federal loans or loan guarantees. Proceeds received from MALs and LDPs will be offset against any delinquent debt owed by the producer to FSA. Proceeds from MALs and LDPs to producers who are members of corporations, partnerships or other entities will be offset against the producer's pro rata share of entity payments after notification of the intent to offset has been provided to the non-borrower entities.

RECORD CHANGES

Participation in FSA farm programs requires all records to be accurate and up to date. It is the producer's responsibility to inform FSA of changes to his/her farming operation including, but not limited to land ownership changes, adding or dropping a tract of land (leases), entity type or ID number changes, marriage, divorce, deaths or changes in your financial institution for direct deposit. A copy of the deed must be submitted for ownership changes; copies of written lease agreements must be submitted for all cash leases.

DESIGNATION BY LANDOWNER

When land with contract acres is sold, those contract acres normally transfer with the land to the new owner based on a

cropland ratio. However, the landowner and purchaser can agree to divide the contract acres in any manner that is mutually agreeable. To use this designation by landowner method, the land sold must have been owned for at least three years and the owner and purchaser must sign a memorandum of understanding designating contract acres before completing the sale. If you have questions, please contact our office for details before selling your land.

PAYMENT LIMITATION REMINDER

Most programs administered by the Farm Service Agency are subject to payment limitation provisions. This is a reminder to please check to make sure that you are following the operating plan (CCC-502) that you submitted and which was used as a basis of approval for your farming operation. Any deviation from this plan as submitted may result in the repayment of any monies earned, as well as other potential penalties. Each year, several farming operations are randomly selected by the California State FSA Office for review. Those operations are asked to provide documentation which supports that the farm is operating as was stated in the plan submitted prior to entity approval.

If you have any questions call Margarita at ext. 113.



Do You Know What To Do If A Severe Natural Disaster Hits Your Farming Enterprise?

REPORTING LOSSES

If you had any failed crop acres, give serious thought to reporting them before destroying crop evidence. If Congress authorizes a crop disaster program in the future, proof of failed acreage may be required for your participation.

It's important to report failed acreage not brought to harvest to the county office staff prior to destruction. Ensuring that



Lien Searches For Rice Loans

The state of California has temporarily disabled the capability to perform online searches and orders. The Secretary of State is in the process of removing social security numbers from all copies and electronic images of UCC filings made available to the public.

Requests for searches or for copies of UCC filings will be submitted to the Sacramento Office via mail using the National UCC 11 Request for Information form (UCC 11).

This will delay the lien search results by 2 weeks or more. After the results arrive at the FSA office, they are valid for 7 business days only.

Please plan ahead when scheduling your rice loan appointments. No payments on rice loans will be made until the lien search results are received at the FSA office and the necessary lien waivers received by your financier.

If you have any questions call Angela at ext. 105

failed acres are documented could be the determining factor in whether you are eligible for future crop disaster program payments. If you are experiencing low crop yields, you should keep good production records, and report this acreage timely.

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must contact the FSA county office staff within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. Producers with crop insurance should contact their local agent when losses occur and before destroying the crop.



NRCS Announces Program Sign-Up

The application period for USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will remain open until **November 2, 2007**. EQIP was established by the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address natural resource concerns. It promotes agricultural production, environmental quality, ground and surface water quality, and conservation on private lands. Generally, 50% cost-share is available for a number of conservation practices. Beginning farmers or ranchers, having operated a farm or ranch for less than ten consecutive years, and limited resource farmers may be eligible for higher cost-share rates.

Applicants who were not funded in previous years must sign new documents to be considered in the 2008 program year before November 2.

Practices that increase irrigation efficiency, such as microjet and sprinkler systems, are eligible for cost-share through EQIP. Tailwater recovery, nutrient man-

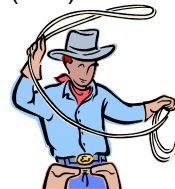
agement, integrated pest management, field borders, filter strips, and cover crops are other examples of eligible conservation practices in the valley region.

Producers in the foothills may also apply for EQIP conservation practices such as forest stand improvement, brush management for fuel-load reduction (e.g. mastication), pest management, tree planting, critical area planting, fencing, and spring development.

Applicants must qualify as agricultural producers and may be required to submit an IRS Schedule F showing a minimum of \$1,000 of agricultural products produced for two of the last five years. NRCS staff assist each producer in developing a conservation plan for their operation. Funded applicants sign contracts to complete practices in the conservation plan. Failure to complete contracted conservation practices may result in penalties and lost eligibility for future programs.

To sign up for the 2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Program in Yuba or Sutter Counties, please visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service at 1511-B Butte House Road in Yuba City, **well before** November 2, 2007 to provide appropriate documentation of agricultural production, ownership, and project location before the application deadline

If you have any questions call NRCS at (530)671-1461 ext. 3.



Sutter/Yuba New CED

Hello, my name is Joel Twitchell, I started as the new CED on September 4th. Previously a rancher and CED in Nevada, I have spent the last two years working at the FSA National Office in Washington, DC. I am very glad to be back on the West Coast and look forward to working with all Producers. Feel free to contact me anytime.

~~Joel

Last day to return ballots for COC election		December 3, 2007
NAP 2008	Application	Closing Date
Crops	Closing Date	Comments
Forage Crops	9/1/2007	Most Counties
Forage Crops	12/15/2007	Monterey, San Mateo, Santa Cruz
Honey	12/1/2007	
Melons	12/1/2007	Imperial
Fruit - Nut Tree Crops: Almonds, Apricots, Asparagus, Caneberries, Cherries, Grapes, Kiwi, Mint, Nectarines, Olives, Peaches, Pears, Persimmons, Pistachios, Plums, Pomegranates, Most Strawberries, Walnuts	12/15/2007	Apples are 1/31/2008
2009 Citrus	1/1/2008	2009 Citrus
2008 Apples	1/31/2008	

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