



## Fact Sheet

# Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

USDA's Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters by providing coverage equivalent to CAT insurance.

## Eligible Producers

An eligible producer is a landowner, tenant, or sharecropper who shares in the risk of producing an eligible crop.

## Eligible Crops

To be eligible for NAP assistance, crops must be noninsurable crops and agricultural commodities for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance (CAT) is not available.

## How to Apply

To be eligible for 2005 crops, you have to file form CCC-471 with the local FSA County Office and pay the applicable service fee by the applicable closing date.

The following are a list of crops and closing dates for Kentucky:

- **September 1:** Christmas Trees, Crustaceans, Grass-Sod, Finfish
- **September 30:** Wheat
- **November 20:** Apples, Blueberries, Caneberries, Grapes, Honey, Peaches, Pears,

- Pecans, Rhubarb
- **March 1:** Grass-Forage, Grass-Grazing, Lespedeza, Mixed Forage
- **March 15:** Alfalfa, Beans, Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cantaloupe, Cauliflower, Corn, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Herbs, Lettuce, Oats, Okra, Onions, Peppers, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Radishes, Sorghum, Squash, Strawberries, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Turnips, Watermelons

## Eligible Natural Disasters

An eligible natural disaster is any of the following:

- Damaging weather, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind, or hurricanes;
- An adverse natural occurrence, such as earthquake or flood; or
- A condition related to damaging weather or an adverse natural occurrence, such as excessive heat, disease, or insect infestation.

The natural disaster must occur before or during harvest and must directly affect the eligible crop.

## Crop and Production Reports

To remain eligible for NAP, you must annually report the crop including: type and variety, crop location, producer shares in the crop, date crop was planted, type of practice used and intended use

(fresh, processed, etc.). Once harvested the production from the crop must be reported.

## What if the Crop Fails

When a covered crop is affected by a natural disaster, you must notify your local FSA office by completing a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) within 15 calendar days of the natural disaster occurrence or the date the damage becomes apparent.

## More Information

Further information on NAP is available from your local FSA office or on FSA's Web site at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/ky](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ky).

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