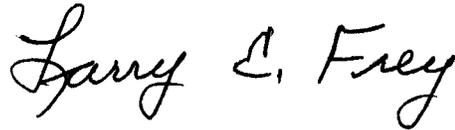


For: County Offices

Publicizing 2001 and 2002 NAP Closing Date

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A

Background

Until March 19, 2002, there was not a deadline for taking 2001 and 2002 NAP applications because the regulations had not been published in the Federal Register. On March 19, 2002, the regulations have been published in the Federal Register. On the internet, go to www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a020319c.html for a copy of those regs.

2 Action

A

Publicize NAP Deadline

Publicize in local newspapers, radio, television and other media that producers must pay fees and submit an application for payment by April 18, 2002 for 2001 or 2002 crops. The only exception is 2002 buckwheat which has an application closing date of 5/31/2002.

B

Eligibility

Do not deny the producer the right to complete a timely filed application. However, explain to all producers the part of the eligibility requirements for NAP include a timely filed notice of loss (Paragraph 401, 1-NAP, Rev 1) and a timely filed acreage report (Paragraph 151, 1-NAP). The producer must understand that if he/she is ineligible to participate there will be no refund of any fees that have been or will be paid.

C

Interim Crop Table for Application Process

The interim crop table is needed for the sign-up process. If you receive a request for a crop that is not on the interim crop table then send your request to Lee Go at the State Office. You will need to specify the crop, type, practice and use.

Disposal
June 28, 2002

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