New Jersey State FSA Newsletter

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Deadlines
Nov. 20 - NAP Coverage Deadline for All Fruit Trees, Caneberries, Grapes, and Blueberries
Dec. 2 - Deadline for COC election ballots to be returned to County Offices or to be postmarked by Dec. 6
Dec. 13 - DMC Dairy Program signup deadline

See all our regular program deadlines here: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state/New-Jersey/state-deadlines here:

Producers Urged to Consider NAP/Crop Insurance Coverage before November 20th Deadline

Basic NAP coverage is free and Buy-Up coverage premiums are 50% off for beginning, limited resource, minority and women farmers. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadlines.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural disasters such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters not covered by federal crop insurance. Federal crop insurance is available in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Producers of crops and crops marketed directly to consumers also have the option to purchase the "buy-up" for up to 15 percent of the market price at the coverage levels of between 50 and 65 percent of expected production. NAP basic coverage is available at all 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production.

Buy-up coverage is not available for crops intended for grazing.

NAP Service Fees
For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is the lesser of $325 per crop or $825 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of $1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

NAP Enhancements for Qualified Military Veterans
The 2018 Farm Bill NAP amendments specify that qualified veteran farmers or ranchers are now eligible for a service fee waiver and premium reduction, if the NAP applicant meets certain eligibility criteria. Beginning, limited resource and targeted underserved farmers or ranchers remain eligible for a service fee waiver and premium reduction, if the NAP applicant meets certain eligibility criteria. Eligible for a service fee waiver and premium reduction, if the NAP applicant meets certain eligibility criteria.

Deadline for 2020 crop year NAP Coverage:
11/20/19 - All Fruit trees, Caneberries, Grapes, and Blueberries
12/19/19 - Honey
Committee Elections

Voting Begins for 2019 Farm Service Agency County Committee Elections

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) began mailing ballots on November 4 to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee elections.

County committee members play a key role at FSA. Over 7,000 members nationwide provide the valuable knowledge and judgment on decisions made about FSA services, including disaster and emergency programs.

To be eligible, the operation must be an eligible farm enterprise. Farm loan program funds cannot be used to finance nonfarm enterprises and all applicants must be able to meet general eligibility requirements. Loan applicants are also required to have participated in the business operations of a farm or ranch for at least five years out of the 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted.

For more information about FSA Loan programs, contact your local FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov. To find your local FSA office, visit http://offices.usda.gov.