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New Haven/Middlesex County News

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Next County Committee meeting is scheduled for: Monday August 17th, 2009 at 7:00PM.

Staff:
Nancy Welsh
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2009 Disaster Assistance

Many areas of the country have experienced the wrath of Mother Nature during the past couple of months. From the devastating impact of continual rains many farmers and ranchers need help. That help could soon be received on the farm.

NAP Coverage

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.

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available.

In order to be eligible for disaster assistance programs, like SURE, producers are required to timely purchase, at a minimum, CAT coverage for all insurable crops and/or NAP coverage for all non-insurable crops on their entire farm.

The application deadline date for the 2010 NAP coverage for Aquaculture, Cut Flowers, Mums, and Ornamental Nursery items will be September 01, 2009. Coverage will take effect 30 days later on October 1, 2009.

2009 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2010, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee.

Producers with 2009 NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

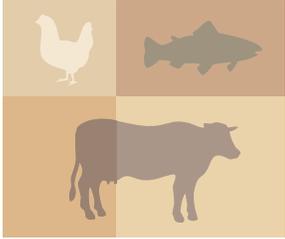
- File acreage reports timely and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

For more information on NAP coverage please contact the New Haven/Middlesex Farm Service Agency office.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

- The program compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock losses in excess of normal mortality that occur due to adverse weather.
- Sign up began on Monday July 13th, 2009.

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- losses during 2008 must file a notice of loss no later than September 13, 2009.
- Producers incurring eligible livestock losses between January 1, 2009 through July 12, 2009 must file a notice of loss no later than September 13, 2009.
 - Producers incurring eligible livestock losses between July 13, 2009 through December 31, 2009 must file a notice of loss no later than 30 calendar days after the loss becomes apparent to the livestock producer.
 - The following are among the eligible livestock under LIP: Adult/non-adult dairy cattle, Adult/non-adult beef cattle, Adult/non-adult buffalo and beefalo, Equine, Elk, Reindeer, Deer, Sheep, Alpacas, Emus, Swine, Goats, Llamas, and Poultry.
 - Please contact the County Service
 - Center for more information, eligibility and restrictions on the Livestock Indemnity Program.

Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the New Haven/Middlesex Farm Service Agency office staff, and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are necessary.

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