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Deadline to apply for 2008 Crop Loss Payments Approaching

(EAST LANSING, MI), August 18, 2010 -- Christine White, State Executive Director for Michigan's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is encouraging producers who suffered losses due to natural disaster during the 2008 crop year to submit an application for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE). The deadline to apply is September 30, 2010 and there are no provisions for late-file applications.

"The SURE program was designed to help farmers recover from crop losses due to natural disasters," said White. "We want producers to be aware of this deadline so they are certain to visit their FSA county office to file an application for the 2008 SURE program".

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers who meet the definition of socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

Producers are encouraged to file an application for 2008 SURE payments regardless of whether they think they may or may not qualify. Additional information regarding the SURE program is located at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/sure> or producers can contact their local FSA Office.

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