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NAP Application Deadline

The deadline to signup for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or NAP coverage is **March 16, 2009 for most commodities**. Producers are reminded about the need for insurance coverage on crops (in ALL counties) in order to remain eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs such as SURE and LFP. Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops.

NAP is a federally-funded program that provides coverage to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including fruits and vegetables, turf grass and forage crops just to name a few. Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes. NAP applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and pay the applicable service fees of \$250 per crop by the closing date. Application closing dates vary by crop, but the next applicable deadline is **Monday, March 16** for hay, pasture, double crop soybeans, etc.

More information about NAP may be found on the FSA web site located at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

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2009 Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment (DCP) Program

Sign-up for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program continues **until June 1, 2009**. The June 1, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all participants. FSA **will not** accept any late-filed applications.

FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. FSA began to issue advance direct payments in December 2008. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price.

Producers eligible for the DCP Program are also able to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program or the Counter-cyclical Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program will begin in the spring. You may first enroll in the DCP Program, receive advance direct payments and then later modify your enrollment to the ACRE program or you may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time before June 1st.



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Dates to Remember

March 16

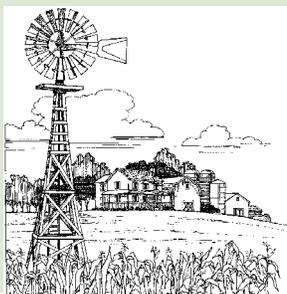
Deadline to obtain 2009 NAP coverage on spring planted crops

March 31

Final Availability for 2008 crop wheat, barley, oats, honey loans and LDPs

Ongoing

- ◆ Continuous CRP
- ◆ Update Farm Changes.
- ◆ Farm Facility Loans.
- ◆ Wheat, Barley and Other Small Grain Crops Reporting
- ◆ Monitor Stored Grain Condition



Flexible or Combination Crop Lease Agreements

Producers should be aware that FSA rules on how lease agreements are treated have changed. Crop lease agreements that provide for incentives, or combination leases that provide both a fixed amount and also a share of the crop or crop proceeds, should be brought to the attention of the FSA office so that the correct determination can be made.

CREP, SAFE & Continuous CRP Available

At this time USDA has no general signups scheduled for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in 2009. However, environmentally sensitive acreage qualifying for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Conservation Reserve Program State Acres For wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Practice, and Continuous CRP will still be eligible for enrollment. These targeted programs remain funded, and continue to provide a heightened environmental benefit on select areas.

Foreign Buyer Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA with 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, Realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

Sodbuster, Swampbuster

Most Farm Service Agency programs require compliance with sodbuster and swampbuster provisions. These provisions require producers to follow an approved conservation system on all highly erodible land planted to an annual crop as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Be sure to have determinations made on any new land you plan to plant to annual crops. If you plan to plant a different crop on your current cropland, check with NRCS to assure the new crop will qualify under your conservation system.

Swampbuster provisions state that converting a wetland to make possible the planting of a crop will result in the loss of all USDA benefits. To avoid this possibility it is strongly recommended that producers check with NRCS before starting to work in the fields.