



NAP Application Deadline is March 15 !!!

The 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. **Producers are reminded about the need for insurance coverage on crops in order to remain eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs, such as SURE, The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish (EALHF) programs.** More about the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The TAP program is reauthorized to provide assistance to orchardists and eligible nursery tree growers who produce nursery, ornamental, fruit, nut or Christmas trees for commercial sale that lost trees because of a natural disaster as determined by the Secretary. The EAFHF program will provide emergency relief to producers of livestock, including horses, honey bees and farm-raised fish because of losses from adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary.

Producers interested in the SURE, EAFHF, LFP, or TAP programs ***must have purchased or obtained a plan of insurance*** covered under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIC) for each crop on the farm or if the commodity is noninsurable, be covered under the noninsured crop disaster assistance (NAP) program available through the FSA Office, and have paid the applicable administrative fee ***on or before March 15!!!!***.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

LFP covers grazing loss due to drought during the grazing period. (April 15 to November 15 for cool season grass) The only insurance **requirement to be eligible for LFP is to have purchased a NAP grazing policy by March 15.** **Grazing acre intentions could also be reported by March 15, but are not required until 15 days prior to the onset of grazing.** Your NAP fee on grazing covers all grazing acres you have an interest in. For LFP to be enacted, it may require a severe prolonged drought of 3 to 4 months. The US Drought Monitor (available on the web) is used for the trigger for LFP. A county must be at the D2 lever for 8 consecutive weeks before this program will be approved. Payments for a D2 drought for 8 weeks would pay about \$29.96/head. If a D3 drought rating is reached in the county you get two payments and if the D3 rating lasts for four weeks, you get three payments. Eligible livestock are those owned or leased at least 60 days prior to the beginning date of a qualifying drought.

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Producer Meeting

There will be a meeting held on March 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wright County USDA Service Center in order to provide additional information on some of the programs we offer. We will cover SURE, BCAP, NAP, FSFL, LIP, and new IRS requirements. Please contact us if you are interested in attending.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

LIP will compensate producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality rates due to adverse weather that occurred on or after January 01, 2008 and before October 01, 2011. Eligible ranchers and livestock producers must file a notice of loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent and an application for payment no later than January 30, 2011. Livestock deaths due to eligible adverse weather events must have occurred no later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the adverse weather event. Eligible livestock for owners under LIP include adult/no-adult dairy and beef cattle, adult and non-adult buffalo and beefalo, equines as part of the farming operation, elk, deer, sheep, goats, alpacas llamas, emus, poultry and swine. Animals born at normal full-term or near full-term shall qualify if both the death was the direct result of an eligible adverse weather event and the birth produced a fully developed carcass that normally would have survived under normal weather conditions. Feedlot cattle will be eligible under LIP if all other eligibility criteria are met.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program Changes

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with the Commodity Credit Corporation providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility, which now includes hay barns. New loan terms of 7, 10, or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which Commodity Credit Corporation borrows from the Treasury Department. Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be make when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

*******Don't forget---March 15 is the deadline to purchase Federal Crop insurance on corn, and March 15 is also the deadline to purchase a NAP policy. The NAP service fee is \$250 per crop per county or \$750 per producer per county. Eligibility for several of our programs now require either RMA rainfall idex insurance or a NAP policy for grazing*******

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Payment Limitation—Annual Notice To Producers

In order to be eligible for payments and benefits under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, Loan Deficiency Payments and Marketing Loan Gains, and the Conservation Reserve Program, producers must be determined to be “actively engaged in farming” and have met the “adjusted gross income limitation”. Additionally, cash rent tenant, permitted entity restrictions and foreign person rules may apply. Direct payments for covered commodities has a payment limitation per person of \$40,000 per crop year. Counter-cyclical payments have a limitation per person of \$65,000 per crop year. CRP rental payments has a payment limitation per person of \$50,000 per fiscal year. NAP payments are limited to \$100,000 per person per crop year.

Payments cannot be issued until all forms and required documents have been provided and required determinations have been made. Spouses may be considered separate “persons” for payment limitation purposes and be eligible to receive their own limitation amount if the applicable requirements are met.

If you are operating as an entity (corporation, estate, trust, LLC, etc.) to be eligible for program benefits, you must supply names, addresses, and ID numbers of the members. These individual members will also be required to designate their shares for payment.

All producers applying for benefits, including members of entities, will be required to certify to their AGI (Adjusted Gross Income). Producers with an average AGI exceeding \$2.5 million are ineligible for benefits. Any producer who fails to complete the necessary paperwork or cannot meet the requirements will be determined ineligible for benefits. All producers who file are subject to spot check and may be required to furnish documentation to prove their eligibility.

Program payments are limited by direct attribution to individuals or entities. Through direct attribution, payment limitation is based on the total payments received by the individual, both directly and indirectly.

DCP Sign-up

Sign-up for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program continues **until June 1, 2010.**

The June 1, 2010 deadline is mandatory for all participants. FSA **will not** accept any late-filed applications.

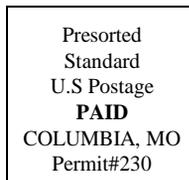
FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2010, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. 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.

Eligible producers for the DCP Program are also eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program or the Counter-cyclical Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program began last fall.. 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 in spring 2010.

For more information about DCP you can go online to read the DCP factsheet at:
http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/dcp2008.pdf.

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Farm Reconstitutions

In Farm Service Agency terms, farms are **constituted** to group as tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm **reconstitution** is necessary. Neither the realtor nor the court house will notify us of these changes. It is up to you to let us know when you buy and sell property in order to allow us to keep our farm records correct.

Acreage Spot Check Determinations and Notification

Each year the Farm Service Agency completes spot checks of acreage reports. Acreage reports are an integral part of farm program participation. Acreage spot checks are completed to ensure accurate acreage reports are used in farm program computations.

FSA will conduct spot checks on a selected number of farms in each state. All acreage determinations will be completed using the FSA Geographic Information System official acreages.

After farms are spot checked, a Notice of Determined Acreage will be sent to the farm operator. Producer notifications will be issued by FSA as spot checks are completed. Questions concerning determined acres should be directed to your local FSA office for further explanation.

Foreign Landowner 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 within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25% of the fair market value of the property.