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GRAFTON COUNTY FSA NEWS NOTES

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Conservation Reserve Program General Signup #39

A general signup for the Conservation Reserve Program began August 2, 2010 and will continue through August 27, 2010. Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this signup provided all eligibility requirements are met. Current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall may make new contracts.

CRP is a voluntary conservation program that helps farmers and other agricultural producers use their environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term resource conserving covers to control soil erosion, improve water and air quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, the Farm Service Agency provides participants annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is 10 to 15 years.

FSA will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) for environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP. The EBI consists of 5 environmental factors (water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. More information on EBI for CRP sign-up 39 is available in the FSA fact sheet "Conservation Reserve Program Sign-up 39, Environmental Benefits Index." For more information on CRP sign-up 39 contact our office at 603-747-3751 (ext 2) or visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The deadline to get NAP coverage for 2011 cut flowers is **September 1, 2010**.

The deadline to get NAP coverage for 2011 mixed forage and alfalfa is **September 30, 2010**.

2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE)

Deadline

The deadline for making an application for 2008 SURE Payments is **September 30, 2010**. The SURE program provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that were incurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties, or if crop insurance is not available, to participate in the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. A SURE calculator is available at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/sure_calculator_2008.xls. If you have questions about SURE, give us a call at 603-747-3751 (ext 2).



TAA – Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers Program -
ATTENTION NH APPLE PRODUCERS

USDA’s Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers Program to Review a Petition for Apples from Maine. New Hampshire apple producers are not currently eligible to participate under the Maine petition. To become eligible, New Hampshire growers, or any authorized representative for a New Hampshire grower or growers, must submit a separate FAS-930 to join this petition. Any growers interested in joining the petition need to file an FAS-930 by close of business **August 27th, 2010**. TAA Federal Register notices can be found on the FAS website at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/fr/notices.asp>.

The TAA for Farmers Program provides technical assistance and cash benefits to eligible U.S. producers and fishermen of raw agricultural commodities whose crops or catch have been adversely affected by imports of like or directly competitive commodities. General information about the TAA for Farmers Program can be found on the FAS website at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa> or give our office a call at 603-747-3751.

Dates to Remember

August 27, 2010	CRP #39 General Signup Deadline
September 1, 2010	NAP Deadline for cut flowers
September 6, 2010	Labor Day – Office Closed
September 30, 2010	NAP Deadline for mixed forage and alfalfa
September 30, 2010	2008 SURE Deadline
October 11, 2010	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Ongoing	Continuous CRP signups

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