



Asparagus Producers to Receive Compensation for Market Losses

FSA has announced  sign up for the Asparagus Revenue Market Loss Assistance Payment (ALAP) Program. ALAP compensates producers for revenue losses resulting from imports during the 2004 through 2007 crop years. Eligible producer will receive payment based upon their 2003 crop of asparagus. **Applications must be received by April 8th.**

Payment rates are \$1.06 per pound for fresh asparagus and \$1.08 per pound for processed asparagus.

Eligibility requirements include:

- o Have produced and marketed asparagus during both crop years 2003 and 2007
- o Certify to their total share of production quantities of fresh or processed asparagus for the 2003 crop (must be able to provide verifiable or reliable evidence upon request). Acreage report is not required.

Please contact the office for more information.

Producer Meetings

The Columbus Service Center will be hosting a series of meetings in the coming months. All meetings will be held at the Columbus Service Center at 10:00am on the dates below:

- **March 2nd** – Non-insured crop Assistance Program (NAP)
- **March 16th** – Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) Program,
- **April 13th** - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and other conservation programs.

FSA Announces CRP Sign Up

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general signup is set to begin on March 14, 2011, and continue through April 15, 2011.

Under CRP, farmers plant grasses and trees in crop fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings reduce soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife.

Plant cover established on the acreage accepted into the CRP will reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in our nation's rivers and streams. The CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduced soil erosion by more than 400 million tons per year.

DCP Contracts Mailed



DCP participants should have received their contracts in the mail. If you have not received them please contact the office immediately.

The deadline for DCP is **June 1st**, and unlike previous years there will **not** be an opportunity to late file.

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Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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COC meets:

2nd Tuesday of Month
(Call the office for times)

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NAP Deadline, be sure to cover the following crops before March 15th

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| Beans | Eggplant | Sorghum | Yams |
| Brussels sprouts | Honeydew | Soybeans (insured) | Tomatillos |
| Cantaloupe | Oats (insured) | Squash | Tomatoes |
| Celery | Okra | Sunflowers | Watermelon |
| Corn (insured) | Peppers | Sweet potatoes | |
| Cucumber | Pumpkins | | |

|  | | <h1>MARCH 2011</h1> | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 | 2 NAP Producer Meeting | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 CRP Sign Up Begins | 15 NAP Application Deadline | 16 FSFL (Farm Storage Facility Loan) Producer Meeting | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | April 8 ALAP Application Deadline |

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