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## FSA UPDATES

**Chittenden/Washington  
County  
USDA Service Center**

**Chittenden/Washington  
County FSA**

802-8657895 x4  
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802-865-7947 (fax)  
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**Hours**

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

**County Committee**

John Rowley, Jr LAA-1  
Claude Lapierre, LAA-2  
Deborah Conant, LAA-3  
Elwin Neill, LAA-4  
Michelle Gardner, LAA-5

**Upcoming County  
Committee Meeting**

**Dates**

August 15, 2007  
September 19, 2007

**FSA Staff**

Lawrence Parker x102  
Eileen Powers, x106  
Pearl Wells x100  
Bradford Parker x103

**Natural Resources  
Conservation Service**

Caroline Alves x203  
Tate Jeffrey x119  
Michel Lapointe x118  
Danny Peet x202  
Norman Smith x117

**Winooski Natural  
Resources Conservation  
District**

Jessica Andreoletti x104  
Anna Johnson x204

### **FSA's 2007 National Compliance & Spotcheck Review**

FSA is committed to delivering accurate program payments to America's agricultural producers. The Accuracy of payments not only benefits farmers and ranchers, but also maximizes taxpayer dollars and government efficiency.

As part of the 2007 National Compliance Review, FSA's national office is requiring local FSA county offices to conduct compliance reviews and spot checks of certain producers selected by the national office through a statistical sampling method. A statistical sample of FSA employees, County Committee (COC) and State Committee (STC) members have also been selected for review using this same process.

FSA may review a producer's operations in multiple states and counties, depending on the scope of the producer's operations. FSA will review both the accuracy of the representations made by the selected producers in connection with participation in FSA programs as well as the producer's compliance with applicable program requirements. The reviews may need to be conducted at various times throughout the year depending on the FSA programs in which the producer is participating. FSA appreciates the cooperation of its customers as the agency continues to enhance its operations.

FSA's goal is to ensure that program dollars are delivered effectively and efficiently so America's farmers and ranchers can provide safe and abundant food, fiber and fuel for consumers at home and abroad.

### **NAP Coverage**

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available.

The application deadline date for the 2008 NAP coverage for alfalfa, barley, blueberries, raspberries, grapes, grasses, mixed forages, peaches, splotz, strawberries, and wheat is November 20, 2007.

Producers who already have coverage on 2007 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2008, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee.

Producers with 2007 NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- File acreage reports timely and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

For more information on NAP coverage contact your nearest Farm Service Agency office.



**PRESORTED STANDARD  
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 Mailed from Zip Code 05495  
 PERMIT #40**

Selected Interest Rates for July 2006	
90-Day Treasury Bill	4.75%
Farm Operating - Direct	5.50
Farm Ownership - Direct	5.625
Limited Resource	5.00
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	5.00%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility	5.00%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	6.00%

Dates to Remember	
<b>ASAP</b>	Signed Leases for DCP Contracts
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Labor Day – Office Closed
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Day – Office Closed
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	NAP Application Deadline for Selected Crops (See page 1)
Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Continuing	Sign up under CREP or Con- tinuous Sign Up programs

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