



Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program

On Oct. 13, 2008, President George W. Bush signed a bill that made amendments to the 2008 Farm Bill.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) Changes

Under SURE in the 2008 Farm Bill, producers seeking disaster benefits must generally have obtained crop insurance or coverage under the Non-insured crop disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for all crops on all farms. The SURE program fee is equal to the fee for catastrophic coverage. Payment of the SURE program fee will not make the producer eligible for insurance coverage.

Producers also have a new minimum loss threshold under SURE. Under the new law, to qualify for payments, there must be a production loss of at least 10 percent for at least one crop of economic significance on the farm.

Under the SURE program, the new law provides that when a second crop is planted after the first crop was prevented from being planted, or if such first crop failed, the second planting will not count toward the SURE program guarantee or total farm revenue. This is true except in areas where double-cropping is a normal practice. Producers also are not required to purchase crop insurance or a NAP policy for the second crop.

By provision of the new statute, ***the purchase of insurance or a NAP policy for grazed acreage is no longer a requirement for the SURE program.*** However, such insurance is required as a condition for payment for the livestock feed program, tree assistance program and the emergency livestock, honeybees and farm-related fish programs.

In addition, the new law amends SURE eligibility so that crop insurance or NAP coverage is no longer required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10 percent of the value of the coverage.

Producers can contact their local FSA office for more information regarding SURE program implementation.

Non-insured crop disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Reminders

NAP application closing dates for the 2009 crops are Dec. 1, 2008. The NAP application fee is \$250 per crop per county with a maximum of \$750. If you have multiple counties, the fee cannot exceed \$1875.

If you had NAP coverage in 2008, remember to provide production evidence of the mechanically harvested crops prior to July 1, 2008.

Farm Loan Program Reminders

Attention all Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found you are required to place the lien holder's name on the check as well as that of the Seller. Ag Products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops. **Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer!** You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-307-777-7311.

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County Committee Election

Election will be held for Farm Service Agency county committee representing producers in Local Administrative Area (LAA) number 3. Producers who are eligible to vote in LAA 3 have already received their ballot. Ballots need to be returned by December 1. LAA 3 includes all of Laramie County west of County Road 136.

Farm Program Information

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) Signup for 2009

The CCC-509, DCP contract, is scheduled to begin on December 1, 2008. It appears that date could be delayed because of changes still being made in the farm bill. We will let you know. We will put out more information when we get the details.

Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the FSA county office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

Dates to Remember

November 27	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – Office Closed
December 1	NAP signup deadline for fall seeded and perennial crops
December 1	Last day to return Committee election ballots
December 25	Christmas Day Holiday – Office Closed

County Committee: Mark Child, Dave Bowman, Mike Peterson, **Advisor:** Louise Jacobsen
Office Staff: Doris Scheel, Denise Hunt, Mark Lanning
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