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Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop.

December 1, 2009 is the application deadline for the Non-Insurable Assistance Program for forage crops, fall seeded grain crops and grazing land for the 2010 crop year. Coverage for spring-seeded small grain hay and non-irrigated oats, intended for grain is available through **April 1, 2010**. The application service fee for NAP is \$250.00 per crop per county, with a county maximum of \$750.00. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$1,875.00 per producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program Available to Goshen County Producers

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire.

Qualifying drought losses must occur on land that is native or improved pastureland or planted to crops specifically for the purpose of grazing. The land must be physically located in a county that is rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a qualifying drought rating of D2, D3, or D4 during the normal grazing period.

In addition, only grazing land covered by Crop Insurance or Non-Insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) will be eligible.

Goshen County was in a D2 drought designation for the necessary 8 consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period in 2008. This qualifies grazing land **physically located in Goshen County** to be eligible for LFP benefits, even if the land is administered by another county office. Eligible livestock producers will be eligible to receive a payment equal to one monthly payment rate. The monthly payment rate will be calculated as the lesser of:

The monthly feed cost for all covered livestock, using a feed grain equivalent (feed grain equivalent for an adult beef cow is 15.7 pounds of corn/day). Only livestock that was or normally would have been in Goshen County on April 1, 2008 will be eligible.

The monthly feed cost calculated by using the normal carrying capacity for the applicable grazing land.

The application deadline for 2008 LFP a benefit is **December 10, 2009**, so do not delay in contacting this office to file an application.

Remember, only grazing land covered by Crop Insurance or NAP is eligible for Livestock Forage Program assistance. The deadline for coverage under both programs for the 2010 crop year is December 1, 2009.

2009 County Committee Election

Ballots for this year's COC election in Local Administrative Area 2 were mailed to eligible voters on November 6th. Completed ballots must be returned to the county office or postmarked by December 7th. Ballots will be counted on December 10th at 1:00 pm. Please take time to vote and select your representative on the County Committee. Be sure to sign the name and address label.

Wool, Mohair, and Unshorn Lamb Pelt LDPs

Producers who file for a Loan Deficiency Payment for their wool, mohair, or unshorn lamb pelts must sign a CCC-633 (page 1) before they lose beneficial interest in the crop. Producers can then submit an LDP request (CCC-633 page 4) for benefits at any time during the LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest. The crop year for wool, mohair, and unshorn pelts begins on January 1st and runs through December 31st. The deadline to file for 2009 crop LDPs is January 31, 2010.

Selling Land

If you're planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, if you're planning to sell land that's enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you might have to refund all of the payments issued on the contract to date. Reviewing program implications with your local Farm Service Agency staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.

Important Dates to Remember	
December 1	Final day to Purchase 2010 NAP Coverage on Fall Seeded, Forage, and Grazing Crops
December 7	Final day to Hand Deliver or Postmark 2009 COC Election Ballots
December 10	Final Day to apply for Livestock Forage Program assistance on grazing land physically located in Goshen County
December 10	COC Meeting/Ballot count
December 25	Christmas Day Holiday – Office Closed
January 1	New Years Day Holiday – Office Closed

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