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# NEWSLETTER



## Niobrara County FSA Updates

### NAP Application Deadline

The application signup deadline to obtain Non-Insurance Program (NAP) coverage for the 2014 crop year for fall seeded crops or biennial and perennial crop such as grass hay or range is **December 1, 2013**. The application fee is \$250 per crop/pay type. Coverage is offered at 50% of the approved yield and 55% of the posted price. The intent of the program is to provide yield protection in the event of catastrophic loss due to natural disaster.

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#### Next County Committee

**Meeting:** September 25, 2013  
at 1:00 PM

### County Committee

Bryan Bruch, Chairman  
Monty Finley, Vice Chairman  
Robert Freeman  
Carol Gisinger, Advisor

### Acreage Certification

Time is nearing for producers to certify their 2014 acreage for permanent and fall seeded crops. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date. Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. Crop acreage reports must be certified by the **November 15, 2013** for permanent and fall seeded crops.

### NAP Production Records

NAP producers, now is the time to submit production evidence for your 2013 crops. Submitting production evidence for harvested crops, such as bale counts and weights are necessary to maintain accurate yields for coverage. Accurate yields are essential in calculating payments for losses. You can still submit previous year's records if you forgot in the past and those values will be used for your 2014 approved yield. The deadline to report previous year's production is **November 15, 2013**.

### COC Election

COC Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3 in early November and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on December 2 or postmarked by midnight **December 2, 2013**. LAA 3 covers the southeast portion of the county. If you are an eligible voter in LAA3 and you do not receive a ballot or you are not sure which LAA you reside in, please contact the office.

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