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√ **New 2009 NAP Crop Year Fees** √

**IMPORTANT:**

As a result of the new 2008 Farm Bill, in 2009 the Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) fees will be \$250 per crop, not to exceed \$750 per producer per county with a total fee not to exceed \$1875 per producer for all crops in ALL counties. 2009 Continuous Coverage letters (for participating producers) have been mailed and address the new fee policy. Example: You purchase both NAP hay forage and NAP grazing coverage your program participation fee will be \$500.00 (\$250 per crop type).

√ There have been important changes to the way FSA computes a loss on NAP covered hay acres that suffered an eligible loss but were grazed rather than hayed. The changes have the potential to significantly increase payments when an eligible loss is suffered. Payments will now be computed on a tonnage basis rather than an Animal Unit Day basis as in prior years. This makes NAP hay coverage more attractive in Uinta County.

√ *For the 2009 crop year NAP coverage policies must be purchased by December 01, 2008.* Eligible crops include; perennial grass hay crops, honey or spring grain crops intended for hay and grazing land (Federal & State land is included). Note: Grain crops are not an insurable crop in Uinta County and would be covered under NAP. The only FCIC / (CAT) insurable crops in Uinta County are Alfalfa, Alfalfa Grass Mix and Grass Mix Alfalfa.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, created several new disaster programs labeled the Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Trust. To be eligible, producers must purchase at least the CAT level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or NAP coverage for all non-insurable crops. More importantly, the bill requires coverage for ALL of your grazing acres to be eligible for the new Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). The Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) program will require that you have coverage on ALL crops, including grazing acres, in all counties. Without NAP coverage on the non-insurable forage crop acres and CAT coverage on your insurable forage crops you will not be eligible for the new programs.

County FSA Offices have been prohibited from interpreting the new farm bill statute for the purpose of providing advice to producers and are limited to disbursing information about the programs to information that has been released by the National Office, which at this point is very limited. Decisions you make this fall concerning NAP participation could affect your eligibility for the new disaster programs in 2009 and future years. Individuals and Entities will need to determine if you wish to have coverage in place in the advent a disaster year is identified. Bottom line is this... without coverage in a dry, bad year you will be ineligible for any disaster program benefits. We will respect your decision's; however, please understand that the Farm Bill as enacted is the policy of the future.

The FSA County Office Staff will be attending a Sate Farm Bill Training tentatively scheduled for late October. Once the training has been completed we will advise you of the 2008 Farm Bill details. Remember, December 01, 2008 is the deadline for NAP coverage. You should visit with a FCIC Insurance agent for details on CAT insured crops.

**Uinta County Committee 2008 Election**

√ County Committee Election Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 3, 2008. The last day to return voted ballots to the county office is December 4, 2008. The newly elected county committee member will take office on January 1, 2009. Only those individuals or eligible entities in LAA#1 will be receiving the election ballot. Areas include: Bear River, Almy, Evanston, Hillard and Piedmont.

**Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) Notice of Loss**

In the event of a crop failure, caused by a weather-related natural disaster, NAP producer's needs to notify the local FSA office by completing a "Notice of Loss" (form CCC-576). The notice of loss must be completed within 15 days of the date the damage or loss became apparent. Failure to timely report the loss could result in loss of benefits.

