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## 2008 PRODUCTION REPORTS FOR NAP

Producers that have 2008 NAP (Non-insured Assistance Program) are required to submit a production report for their hay coverage by July 1, 2009, however we recommend that you report immediately after you have completed your harvest. Please remember that your production records must match your acreage report. For example, if you reported fields with native hay, bromegrass hay, and alfalfa hay, then your bale count needs to show how many bales were native, brome and alfalfa. You may drop your production record off here at the office or you may mail it in. After your production record is received by the county office we will then enter that information into our files and then your Actual Production History will be printed and need your signature and returned to the office.

## 2008 NAP LOSS CLAIMS

For those who obtained NAP policies for the 2008 crop year, remember that loss claims must be timely filed in order to be eligible for payment. You must file a loss claim for every time you experience a loss and this claim must be filed within 15 calendar days of the date the disaster condition occurred or damage to the crop became evident. This is for the producers that have coverage for hay and for those that also have grazing.

Another factor with the loss on grass hay that producers should be aware of for 2008 NAP coverage, is that in the past years if you had NAP coverage on your grass hay, suffered a loss and grazed some or all of the acres that were intended for hay, FSA would compute a loss on those acres on an Animal Unit Day basis. For 2008, FSA will now compute a loss on those types of acres on a tonnage basis, provided certain requirements have been met. This change is a real improvement and something that the FSA State Committee has been working on for some years. However, we can only compute payment on a tonnage basis, if a timely appraisal is made by a certified loss adjuster. This means that producers must contact the County Office before grazing any fields that was reported for hay. Please remember that the appraisal will not be done until after the normal haying season, and that if you need to graze the hay meadows before the end of the haying season, to contact the County Office to determine the number of representative sample areas that need to be fenced off for later appraisal.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 1-----Labor Day –Office Closed  
September 16-----Deadline for “buy-in” for new Disaster Program  
September 30-----Deadline for farm program (DCP) signup

## NOTICE:

### **SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR 2008**

You MUST have crop insurance or NAP to be eligible. There is a 2008 Eligibility "Buy-In" deadline of September 16, 2008.

There are five new disaster assistance programs that were created by the enactment of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008(2008 Act), Pub. L. 110-234 on May 22, 2008. This 2008 Act amended the Trade Act of 1974 and created the following: an agricultural disaster relief trust fund and the supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs.

Funds from the trust fund may be used to make payments to farmers and ranchers under the following new programs:

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program
- Livestock Forage disaster Program (LFP).
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).
- Tree Assistance Program (TAP)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

There are requirements that must be met for each program:

1. SURE, TAP, and ELAP require that the entire farm is covered by some type of insurance for all commodities.
2. LFP requires coverage of grazing acreage through NAP or a plan of insurance by the applicable application closing date or sales closing date for grazing land.
3. LIP does not require the Risk Management Purchase Requirement.

The sales closing dates or application closing dates for not Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) have passed for the 2008 crop year. A waiver has been authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill that will allow producers to pay within 90 days of its enactment, by September 16, 2008, a Buy-In fee for 2008 eligibility for Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance Programs.

It is noted that the 2008 Farm Bill Definition of a Farm is the sum of all crop acreage in all counties that is planted or intended to be planted for harvest by the eligible producer.

There are further guidelines for this enactment:

Buy-In does NOT provide crop insurance or NAP coverage

Buy-In does provide Supplemental Disaster Program Assistance eligibility for 2008.

The fees for the Crop Insurance and NAP Buy-In are as follows:

\$100 per crop per administrative county

\$300 per producer per administrative county and this includes previous fees that have been paid.

\$900 maximum for producers with multiple counties including previous fees paid.

All the fees will be collected by FSA. Producers must visit their administrative county to pay their appropriate Buy-In fees before the September 16, 2008 deadline.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR 2009**

Producers will be required to purchase crop insurance as the CAT level for insurable crops and Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage from FSA for crops where crop insurance is not available. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY DISASTER ASSISTANCE under this new program. This will be an annual requirement to be eligible each year. The crop insurance or NAP must be purchased for the entire farm which includes all crops planted, pasture for hay and pasture for grazing.

The fee for CAT coverage will be \$300 per crop from a crop insurance agent. The fee for NAP coverage will be \$250 per crop from the FSA office.

The closing date to purchase crop insurance for the 2009 fall seeded crops is September 30, 2008.

The closing date to purchase NAP coverage for non-insurable crops in 2009 is December 1, 2008.

We understand that there are a number of changes and a great deal of new information with this new Act.

Please feel free to call the office with any questions that you may have. 307-362-3062 ext. 101.

### RECORD CHANGES

Please notify the County Office when any of the following changes takes place:

- the purchase or sell of property, even small acreages for home sites.
- lease additional ground
- change banks or financial accounts in which FSA payments are made.
- address changes
- restructuring your farming/ranching operation

We do not get updates or notifications from the Court House of land sales. It is essential that the buyer, seller, or tenant tell us of any changes for prompt and timely service from the County Office.

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