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NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by natural disasters. This federally funded program covers noninsurable crop losses and planting prevented by disasters.

An eligible producer is a landowner, tenant, or sharecropper who shares in the risk of producing an eligible crop. If you have questions regarding your eligibility, please contact the Farm Service Agency.

Eligible crops include commercial crops and other agricultural commodities produced for food (including livestock feed) or fiber for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is unavailable.

Also eligible for NAP coverage are controlled-environment crops (mushroom and floriculture), specialty crops (honey and maple syrup), and value loss crops (aqua-culture, Christmas trees, ginseng, ornamental nursery, and turf grass sod).

Please contact a crop insurance agent if you have questions regarding whether a crop is insurable in your county. For questions regarding whether a crop is eligible for NAP coverage, please contact the Farm Service Agency.

To apply for coverage you must file Form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, and pay the applicable service fees. The application and service fees must be filed by the application closing date.

The service fee is equal to \$100 per crop per county, or \$300 per producer per county, not

to exceed a total of \$900 per producer for all counties.

Some upcoming 2007 sales closing dates are:

September 1, 2006

Sage, Strawberries, Value Loss (Ornamental Nursery, Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Ginseng, Turf Grass Sod, Mushrooms, Floriculture, Strawberry Rootstock)

September 30, 2006

Wheat (grazing/hay), Barley (grazing/hay), Oats (grazing/hay), Rye (grain, grazing/hay)

DCP PROGRAM

It's not too late to sign-up for the 2006 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program. **Missing the June 1 deadline will cost you a late-filing fee of \$100 per farm.**

You have until Sept. 30, 2006, to sign-up for the 2006 DCP.

Remember, when signing the 2006 contract, contract shares should correspond with (1) the shares and risk and (2) control of base acreage reported on acreage reports.

Succession to contract shares for 2006 must be reported and new contracts signed no later than Sept. 30, 2006.

Contact the county office staff for details.

**FSA WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2006
FOR LABOR DAY**



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Alamance County FSA Office
209 N Graham-Hopedale Road
Burlington, NC 27217

Official Business

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Last August, the Farm Service Agency announced the launch of the CCC-633 EZ to replace the old CCC-709 and CCC-633-LDP. Since then, it's undergone a few modifications to make it even more user-friendly.

The EZ form is a two-part loan deficiency payment request that allows producers to (1) indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits *before* losing beneficial interest in the eligible commodity, and (2) submit a request for an LDP at any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest

The EZ form was developed to cover field direct LDPs, basic LDPs and CCC-cotton AA, and revised to cover basic and field direct LDPs for wool, mohair and unshorn pelts.

By signing the first page of the EZ form, the producer indicates his or her intentions to receive LDP benefits. This one page covers all counties and all eligible harvested commodities for the entire crop year for the individual, joint operation or entity identified on the form.

Once the first page of the form has been signed and submitted, the producer can submit an LDP request by completing page 2 for all harvested commodities and page 4 for wool, mohair and unshorn pelts.

Remember, page 1 of the EZ form must be signed by the producer before beneficial interest in the commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest is lost the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained.

All producers are encouraged to submit page 1 of the EZ each crop year whether or not they plan to subsequently request a loan or LDP.

For the 2006 crop year, the CCC-633 EZ and eLDP online requests are the only methods available to request LDP's.

BEGINNING FARMERS, RANCHERS

Are you a farmer or rancher who has substantially participated in the farming operation for at least three but no more than 10 years? If so, you may qualify for beginning farmer targeted loan funds with Farm Service Agency.

The program is designed to assist these farmers by providing direct and guaranteed loans when they are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources.

If you believe this program could be of benefit to you, please contact the county office staff for more information. Our loan officials will certainly welcome your interest.



PREVENTING FRAUD AND/OR WASTE

The Farm Service Agency has joined with the Risk Management Agency to prevent fraud, waste and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA has, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. In addition, FSA will refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to RMA.

Producers can report suspected cases to the county office staff, RMA office, or the Office of the Inspector General.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES

As of January 1, 1999, all Farm Service Agency payments are supposed to be electronically transferred into your bank account. **In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank.** Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers.

