

Farm Service Agency

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Purchase 2008 NAP Coverage

The NAP (Non Insured Assistance Program) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you have applied for coverage and paid the application fee. This program can be likened to an insurance policy.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs as a result of natural disasters. NAP also provides coverage for crops for which the catastrophic level of insurance is not available.

If your crop is not eligible for crop insurance, then you can purchase NAP coverage for your crops. It is \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per county, or not to exceed \$900 for a multi-county producer. **December 1, 2007 is the final day to sign up perennial crops for 2008 NAP coverage.**

Just like filing a claim, producers who have a NAP contract on file with this office need to file a NOTICE OF LOSS when it becomes apparent that a covered crop or pasture has been damaged by drought, frost, insects, etc. This NOTICE OF LOSS should be filed within **15 days** of when the damage is apparent—no matter how significant the loss may seem at the time. Producers also need to notify our office if you intend to graze a crop instead of harvest it.

IMPORTANT: Additionally, you will need to submit production evidence to the FSA Office for your crop, even if you did not have a loss on your covered crops. This is required to establish an APH (actual production history) for each year. This is used to calculate your production yield, and consequently will affect your NAP payment. Failure to report production will result in a yield that is 75% of the approved yield set by the County Committee.

Make sure to timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.

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COC Elections

The Beaver County Committee elections are in full swing. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and USDA.

Agriculture producers in LAA 3 (Milford) will be electing their representative for the county committee.

Producers will be receiving their ballots in the mail around November 2nd. You have until Dec 3 to return voted ballots to the FSA office.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Beaver County has been approved for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). This program provides cost share assistance to producers due to wildfires or flooding. Currently there are NO FUNDS available for this program but we will be taking applications starting September 10, 2007. The sign-up will end October 9, 2007. For more information on these practices, contact our office.

The practices that have been approved are:

EC2 – Grading, Shaping, Releveling, Filling Gullies, etc.

EC3 – Restoring Permanent Fences

EC4 – Restoring Conservation Structures and Other Installations

2007 COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

County Offices perform a variety of compliance reviews and spot checks to ensure the accuracy of payments and integrity of administered programs. Currently, these compliance reviews and spot checks are selected through a variety of processes. Instead of selecting individual farms, contracts, loans, LDP's, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers for 2007 has been made using a statistical sampling method. Producers were selected based on their participation in CRP, DCP, LDP, marketing assistance loans and NAP. For 2007, producers selected through the selection process will be spot checked or reviewed for: Compliance with all programs in which they participated or received benefits and accuracy of all of their FSA-578's (acreage report). In many cases, this will mean that the same producer will be spot checked and reviewed in multiple states and counties. The reviews will take place throughout the year at times applicable for the certain program or activity.

EMERGENCY LOANS

Farmers/Ranchers in Beaver County who suffered physical and/or production losses because of multiple disasters, including severe drought, insect infestations, killing frosts, hot dry winds, below normal runoff, wildfires, and flash floods, occurring from January 1, 2007 through incident period, may apply. Loans are currently at a reduced interest rate of 3.5% for an amount not to exceed 80% of the loss incurred. The maximum loan cannot exceed \$500,000. Applications can be picked up at the FSA Office. If you have any questions, please call Ken Ure at 438-5088 ext. 105. The deadline for accepting applications is April 21, 2008.

SIGN-UP BEGINS SEPT. 10 FOR LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

Did you suffer feed or livestock losses because of natural disasters in recent years? If so, you may be eligible to receive benefits through two new disaster programs being offered by the Department of Agriculture. Sign-up begins September 10, 2007. USDA's Livestock Compensation Program compensates producers for feed losses between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. The Livestock Indemnity Program compensates producers for livestock losses during the same periods. Learn more about these two programs by stopping by the FSA office or online at www.FSA.USDA.gov.

Due to out of town meetings,
this office will be closed
Wednesday & Thursday,
Sept. 5 & 6, 2007.

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