



Farm Service Agency

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Nap Deadline Approaching

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, 2006 is the final day to sign up perennial crops for 2007 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.

COC Elections

The Summit 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 2 (Coalville, Hoytsville, Wanship area) will be electing their representative for the county committee.

Producers will be receiving their ballots in the mail around November 3rd. You have until Dec 4 to return voted ballots to the FSA office.

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NOTICE

If you have called our office lately, you have noticed that we have had a new phone system installed. We hope that you will be patient as we work through the fine tuning. You may reach FSA on ext 4, NRCS on ext 5, or individually at the following extensions:

Karren - 101 Jason - 104
Mike - 102 Jeff (DC) 105
Robin - 103 Dave - 106

If you have any question you may dial 0, or just stay on line and someone will assist you.

DCP

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

This commodity based program is not a continuous program. Contracts for the DCP program must be updated each year. **Sign-up for 2007 DCP began October 1, 2006** with advanced payments available after December 1, 2006.

NOTE: Changes have been made to the DCP program concerning advanced payments. In the 2007 crop year, producers will be able to receive a 22% advanced payment.

Update your farm records. Changes made to your farming operation and acreage totals can affect your payments and compliance with other FSA programs.

AgriAbility of Utah

AgriAbility of Utah is part of a national program administered through the USDA. AgriAbility focuses on promoting independence for members of the agricultural community who have disabilities resulting from injury, illness, age, or other causes. AgriAbility offers opportunities to persons of all ages & connects individuals to a network of service providers, product suppliers, & product manufacturers in order to provide education, information, services, and support.

AgriAbility of Utah is administered by the Utah State University's Agricultural Systems Technology and Education Department, USU Extension, the Center for Person's with Disabilities, and the Association for Independent Living of Utah.

Types of assistance available include: Agricultural work-site analysis, Farm/Home accessibility survey, Environmental modifications, Equipment adaptation and modification, Information and referral, Facilitation of independent living, Individual advocacy, Peer support, Coordination of community service, Education, Agricultural safety workshops to prevent further injuries.

If you or someone you know could use some assistance in making your farm or ranch operation easier because of a disability, please contact Rhonda L. Miller, PhD. (Project Director) at: 435- 797-3772 (phone), 1-877-225-1860 (Toll Free Number), 435- 797-4002 (Fax)

NRCS Conservation Program Sign-up Ends

Nov. 15, 2006

The sign up period for several NRCS programs will be coming earlier this year. The period to sign up for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), and Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) **is currently open and will end on November 15th 2006**. These programs assist landowners by providing 50%-75% of the cost involved in completing conservation projects on private land. These programs can help you pay for:

- **Rangeland and pastureland improvement projects** including fencing, stock-water developments, weed control, brush control, seeding and even yearly incentive payments for proper grazing management.
- **Irrigation improvements** including sprinklers, pivots, pipelines and pumping systems.
- **Streambank restoration projects** including rock-barbs, reshaping of banks, willow and other woody vegetation plantings, riparian fencing and off-stream stock watering systems.
- **Animal waste management systems** including waste storage structures, pipelines and feedlot relocations.

The above list is just a sampling of the types of conservation projects available through NRCS. If you would like more information, please contact the Coalville NRCS at (435) 336-5853, or stop by the office at 30 S Main in Coalville. **Remember, the deadline for this years funding is November 15th, 2006.**

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