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Purchase 2008 NAP Coverage

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The Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you have applied for coverage and paid the application fee.

NAP provides coverage on crops in the county that are non-insurable. **DECEMBER 1, 2007** is the final day to sign up for coverage on perennial crops for the 2008 crop year. This would include alfalfa, grass hay and grazed forage (pasture and rangeland). NAP fees are \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per county.

Livestock producers should seriously consider buying the \$100 coverage on their pasture and rangeland each year. This is a small fee for coverage that can pay large returns during the drought years.

NOTE: This year, only producers who have purchased NAP coverage for non-insurable crops are eligible for the crop disaster program (CDP). This may be the case for all future crop disaster programs. Protect yourself and purchase your NAP coverage today.

REMEMBER: DECEMBER 1ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING 2008 NAP COVERAGE

COC ELECTION REMINDER

Eligible voters in LAA 3 (South Summit & Snyderville Basin Area) should have received their ballots by mail around November 2nd. Please take the time and vote for **one** member of your choice. Producers nominated are Tom Snyder and Wendell Stenbridge. Don't forget to **sign your name** on the back of your ballot.

You have until December 3rd to mail or return voted ballots to the FSA office.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

Farmers who suffered crop losses because of natural disasters (drought, excess moisture, hail, excessive wind, freeze) in 2005, 2006, or 2007 (if planted before February 28, 2007), may be eligible to receive benefits through the new Crop Disaster Program (CDP).

Note: Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of the loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

Producers with qualifying losses must choose only one year for which to receive benefits. They must have suffered losses in excess of 35 percent of their expected production to qualify. **If you had NAP coverage on your crops**, don't miss this opportunity to receive benefits for your losses. As of yet, no closing date has been issued for this program.

Sign-up for the LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Uintah County Wyoming received a Disaster Designation in 2006 for drought, and because Summit County is contiguous to this county, producers in Summit are also eligible for the program. Under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), Livestock producers who suffered forage losses due to **drought** in 2006 may be eligible for benefits. Eligible livestock include beef cattle, equine, elk, sheep and goats. To be eligible, **livestock must have been physically located in Summit County on January 1, 2006** and must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation.

Please provide our office with the following information when you come in to apply:

- Number of qualifying animals on January 1, 2006 that were maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation.
- Forage information: Pasture type and number of acres used within the county. Producers who run on BLM, Forest Service or State Lands must bring in their billing statements for 2006 so that we can determine how many AUM's you paid for during the 2006 grazing season.

Other forms or updates will also be required. **Note:** Animal counts need to be very accurate. If you are selected for spot check and are currently running fewer animals than certified to in 2006, you will be required to provide sales documentation/or other documentation showing what happened to the animals. For best time efficiency, call the office for an appointment.

2007 Census of Agriculture

NASS will mail out Census of Agriculture forms on December 28, 2007, to collect data for the 2007 calendar year. The Census provides information that is not available anywhere else- information that benefits agricultural producers and their communities in many ways. The census is very important – it is the voice of farmers and ranchers, it is their future, and their responsibility.

Dates to Remember

November 22- The office will be closed for Thanksgiving Day

December 1 – Final date to sign up for NAP coverage for 2008 Fall/Winter seeded and perennial crops.

December 3 – Final date to return ballots for LAA 3 election.

December 10 – COC meeting and counting of the ballots 10:00 a.m.

Closed Christmas

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