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SIGNUP FOR EMERGENCY DROUGHT MEASURES

(Lancaster, NH), November 9, 2010 – The United States Department of Agriculture has approved Coos County’s request for assistance for farmers affected by this past summer’s drought.

Farmers in Coos County who suffered losses due to the dry weather in August and September will be eligible for aid under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP).

Irene Schmidt, Executive Director for USDA’s Farm Service Agency for Coos County, announced that signup for emergency drought measures under the ECP will be held from November 12, 2010 through December 12, 2010.

This program provides cost-share assistance to those producers who had to supply emergency water for existing irrigation systems serving orchards and vineyards as well as for confined livestock operations. The program will also help in water conservation and enhancement measures that needed to be done to permit grazing of pasture or forage by livestock.

Some of the things the program can help with is constructing and deepening wells for livestock water; developing springs or seeps; installing pipe to another source of water because the primary source was inadequate and also to help with emergency hauling of water.

For more information on signing up for cost-share assistance, you may contact the local FSA office in Lancaster at 788-4602, Extension 2.

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