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## ***NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

Crop losses must be filed on form CCC-576 within 15 days of the disaster occurrence or when damage to the crop is evident. Losses reported beyond this 15 day window are subject to spot check and could possibly be ineligible for benefits. If you have a crop covered by NAP this year and have suffered a loss, then you should be filing a loss form as soon as possible.

## ***LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS***

Grain and Grain Hay producers are reminded that they must file page 1 of form CCC-633EZ before losing beneficial interest in the crop in order to be eligible for an LDP payment. (Page 1 can be filed anytime before losing beneficial interest). To submit an application for an LDP payment, if a payment rate applies, a producer must submit page 2 of the above form. LDP's occur when the Posted County Price (PCP) falls below the Loan Rate. The loan rate stays constant for the crop year and the PCP is posted daily.

LDP payments are intended to offset the difference in the current market values and what the USDA has established as a "target" price, in order to raise the monetary value the producer receives for their commodity. LDP's do not have to be repaid.

## ***NAP / CROP INSURANCE DEADLINES***

Producers need to be mindful of the fast approaching crop policy purchase deadlines.

December 1, 2007 is the deadline for NAP crops such as Grass hay, Grass/Alfalfa hay not insurable, Winter and Spring Wheat for hay and Honey.

September 30, 2007 is the deadline for Crop Insurance crops such as Alfalfa hay, Alfalfa/Grass hay, Wheat for grain, and Grazing (which includes: Pasture – Native grass and Seeded grasses returned to a grazing condition including old hay fields). Contact an agent for a complete details and deadlines.

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### ***DISASTER PROGRAMS COMING***

Crop and Livestock disaster programs have been approved by Congress and will soon be implemented in FSA County Offices. I am sure most of you have already heard about these programs. Currently, we do not have the final details of administration of these programs but, when we receive the program procedure we will pass that information on to you. Currently, we are looking at possible appointment signups to start in mid October. Will keep you posted.

### ***2007 COMPLIANCE PROCESS***

Starting this year a new compliance and spot check selection process will be implemented for the 2007 crop year. Instead of locally selecting farms, contracts, deficiency loans, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers will be made using a statistical sampling method. Spot check selections are to be conducted based on a producer's participation in Conservation Reserve Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Loan Deficiency Program, etc.

County offices will review their spot check list and the producers selected will be spot-checked on all programs of participation.

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sept. 30...Crop Insurance Deadline**

**Dec. 1...NAP Policy Deadline**

**On-Going...Continuous CRP enrollment**

**For more information on any Farm Service Agency program, visit or call our office, or visit the FSA Homepage at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)**

Have a Nice Day, /s/ Mike Idler, CED

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