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REPORT ACREAGE BY JUNE 30

Spring planted crops and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage must be reported no later than June 30. Crops planted after June 30 must be reported no later than 15 days after planting. **Crop reports must now include planting date. Producers who have crops covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must report those crops prior to beginning harvest.**

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NORTH BROOK

The 2006 County Committee election will include the North Brook FSA local administrative area (LAA) in Lincoln County. The current county committee person serving from North Brook is Gary Davis. Mr. Davis is eligible for reelection. Any individual or group can nominate a producer from this area. Socially disadvantaged individuals and minorities are urged to file nominating petitions. Nominating petitions will be mailed to all eligible voters no later than June 15, 2006. Nominating petitions can also be requested from the county office. Nominating petitions must be submitted to the County Committee, or postmarked, no later than August 1, 2006. A Nominating Petition is included with this newsletter and may be used for nominating candidates.

NONINSURED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

The NAP program is designed to offer disaster assistance for crops for which there is no multi-peril crop insurance available. The coverage level is fifty percent of the expected production. So, you must have greater than a fifty percent loss in order to be eligible for an indemnity payment on the crop loss. There is a \$100 dollar fee for each crop covered, with a maximum of \$300 per county.

Each eligible crop has a 'closing date' by which the \$100 fee must be paid. No late fees are accepted. Most closing dates occur February 28 for spring planted crops. Other closing dates are as follows: **September 1** – Strawberries, Sage, Value Loss crops including Ornamental Nursery, Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Ginseng, Turf Grass Sod, Mushrooms, Floriculture, Strawberry Root Stock; **September 30** – Rye; **November 20** – Alfalfa, Blackberries, Blueberries, Caneberries, Grapes, Lespedeza, Pasture, Grass Hay, Honey, Pecans, Plums, Raspberries; **January 1** – Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Chives, Cilantro, Greens, Lettuce, Onions, Potatoes, Rutabaga, Spinach, Turnips.

Requesting LDPs for 2006

To request 2006 crop loan deficiency payments, you must use the CCC-633 EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request.

Page 1 – Producer’s *intention to request* LDPs in the future. Must be signed before beneficial interest is lost.

Covers all farms and all eligible crops in all counties.

Submit one to the county office staff. Remind staff of other counties where you have farming interest.

This is your intention to request an LDP in the future. It is not a request for payment.

Page 2 – Producer’s *request for LDP* payment on feed grains, minor oilseeds, rice and pulses.

- Use after grain is harvested and in storage. You maintain beneficial interest. The LDP rate will be the rate in effect on the date page 2 is received in the office.
- Can use after beneficial interest is lost. LDP rate will be the rate in your administrative county office on the date beneficial interest was lost. Must provide production evidence.

PAGE 2 MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AN LDP

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **NAP PRODUCERS MUST REPORT LOSSES NO LATER THAN 15 DAYS AFTER LOSS OCCURS**
- ❖ **Report Spring planted crops by June 30 deadline.**
- ❖ **This office will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day**
- ❖ **We can now accept signed forms by FAX without prior signature documentation**
- ❖ **DO NOT mow or otherwise disturb CRP acreage from April 15 to September 15**

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