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CATASTROPHIC CROP INSURANCE (NAP) DEADLINES NEAR

Producers who wish to have Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on crops for the 2008 crop year must pay the \$100.00 administrative fee per crop (\$300 maximum per county) by the following deadlines for the applicable crops

Disaster loss coverage can be obtained for noninsurable crops through the NAP. A \$100 administrative fee must be paid by the following dates for 2008 coverage for the following crops.

November 20, 2007 deadline: pasture, grass hay, alfalfa, blackberries, blueberries, grapes, small grain silage and other crop hay, honey, lespedeza, peaches, pecans, plums, raspberries.

January 1, 2008 deadline: beets, broccoli, cabbage, greens, kale, lettuce, onions, potatoes, spinach, turnips.

February 28, 2008 deadline: asparagus, beans, basil, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, Chinese bitter melon, cucumbers, egg plant, honey dew, Korean golden melon, millet, okra, peanuts, peas, peppers, pumpkins, radishes, sorghum, sprite melon, squash, sunflowers, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, water melons.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY

Producers who had insured crop losses due to natural disaster in 2005, 2006 or 2007 (if the crop was planted by February 28, 2007) can now file for disaster assistance at the FSA office. You may choose one of the three years to be paid for your losses. It is not known when payments will be authorized. A deadline for program enrollment has not been established. If you had NAP coverage or Federal Crop Insurance on a crop in one of these years, you may be eligible. Call or come by the office to enroll. **THIS IS NOT FOR DROUGHT LOSSES ON CROPS PLANTED AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 2007.**

NOW ACCEPTING CROP REPORTS

We are now accepting crop reports for 2008. As you complete your small grain planting you may now report those acres to our office. The deadline for small grain is May 15, 2008. Other crops and CRP are due no later than June 30, 2008.

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TWO AREAS TO ELECT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Farmer producers and owners in Local Administrative Areas (LAA) three and five can vote for an FSA County Committee member until December 3, 2007. LAA three includes the communities of Ironton and Catawba Springs in Lincoln County. The candidates are Ann Keever (incumbent), Harold Lineberger and Jerry Ross. LAA five in Gaston County includes Riverbend, South Point, Gastonia, and Crowder's Mountain. The candidate from LAA five is Melvin Kiser. Please take time to mark your ballot and **return to the County office by December 3, 2007**. The County Committee oversees the work of the FSA office in Dallas. If you do not receive a ballot, you may request one at the county office. Newly elected Committee members and alternates take office on January 1, 2008.

FIELD BORDERS CAN BE ENROLLED IN THE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

Field borders that have been cropped (not permanent grass), four years from 1996 to 2001, can be enrolled in the CRP for upland bird habitat. You will receive an incentive payment of \$100 per acre, plus annual rental payments that could be as much as \$48 per acre, for a period of ten years. Call us for details.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **NAP DEADLINES FOR HAY, PASTURE, GRAPES, BLACKBERRIES, BLUEBERRIES IS NOVEMBER 20**
- ❖ **WE'RE SEEKING MINORITY AND SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED PRODUCERS TO PARTICIPATE IN FSA PROGRAMS!**
- ❖ **REPORT WHEAT, BARLEY, OATS, AND RYE BY MAY 15 DEADLINE.**
- ❖ **REPORT CHANGES IN FARM OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION**
- ❖ **REPORT CHANGES IN YOUR BANK ACCOUNT FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT PURPOSES**
- ❖ **THERE WILL BE NO WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN PROGRAM SIGN UP UNTIL FARM BILL IS PASSED**
- ❖ **PROPOSED OFFICE CLOSING/CONSOLIDATION PLANS HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD. FARM BILL WILL ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.**

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