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NAP COVERAGE

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when Natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available and is produced for food or fiber.

The 2007 application deadline date for the following crops is soon approaching. Up coming deadlines include:
Sept 30 – Barley, oats, rye, wheat.

Producers who already have coverage on 2006 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop of crops for 2007, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop.

Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or changing crop shares Must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee.

Producers with 2006 NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required. Production records must be submitted by the applicable crop reporting deadline for the upcoming crop year. (Example: 2006 pepper production data provided by 6/30/2007).
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

FARM RECORD CHANGES

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the staff at the local Farm Service Agency county office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or land contract. All landowners must furnish their tax ID numbers. Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in farm program.

FSA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAMS

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes and guarantees loans and provides credit counseling and supervision to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private, commercial credit. These may mean beginning farmers who can't qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks as a result of natural disasters. These loans are tailored to a producer's needs and may be used to buy farmland and/or finance agricultural productions.

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth organizations. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Stop by the County Office. We'll help prepare and process the application forms and answer any questions you may have about the program. Remember, FSA is an equal opportunity lender.

HAYING, GRAZING CRP ACRES

Haying or grazing Conservation Reserve Program acres may be permitted, but you need prior approval from the County Committee, and you must have an approved plan. Acres may be hayed or grazed once every three years, and a 25 percent reduction is assessed for every approved acre hayed or grazed.

CRP participants are reminded to check their fields and properly maintain the approved conservation practice. CRP acreage committed to grass cover, wildlife border and wildlife habitat areas cannot be allowed to “grow up”. Failure to maintain the cover can result in refund of annual rental payments, cost share assistance plus assessment of interest and a liquidate damage fee. If you have any questions, contact the FSA Office.

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP)

Loan Deficiency Payments are available to producers when the daily CCC market value falls below the posted county loan rate. LDP rates are determined daily. LDP rates for corn are now being posted for 8/18/2006 were \$.10 per bushel. It is also projected a LDP rate will come into effect for soybeans given the current direction of the market price. Producers of these two crops that intend to receive a loan deficiency payment should file an CCC-633 EZ **before** beneficial interest in the crops is lost. Producers can monitor LDP rates from home on the internet at www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/default.htm

REMINDERS

- Office will be **closed** Sept. 4th, 2006 for **Labor Day**.
- Final date for 2006 DCP contract revisions is **September 30, 2006**.
- County Committee election ballots mailed **November 3rd 2006**.
- Last day to return voted ballots in county committee election is **December 4th, 2006**.
- **Monthly Committee Meeting:** The Granville County Farm Service Agency County Committee meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

- A husband or wife can sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and **CCC** programs.
- Prevented planted acreage must be filed no later than 15 days after the final reporting date for the applicable crop.
- **Outreach:** FSA is committed to informing all persons of programs that it administers. As part of this Outreach Plan, The CED is available to speak to groups upon request.

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