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Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Reminders

Producers who suffer a loss of any crop covered by NAP must file a notice of loss within 15 days of when the loss is discovered or apparent. Failure to meet this deadline may result in a loss of program benefits. **If the crop will be destroyed or will be grazed instead of harvested as hay, an appraisal is required of the crop acreage prior to grazing or destroying the crop.** The appraisal will be done after the notice of loss is filed around the normal harvest date. 2008 production records are required to be submitted by the 2009 acreage reporting date of August 15th. FSA needs this information to compute crop actual production history used for payment loss calculations. If you have not submitted your production from last year, you should do so now.

ACREAGE REPORTS REQUIRED

A timely-filed report of acreage is required for all FSA programs including the new Livestock Forage Program (LFP) which is part of the new farm bill, CRP, DCP, and NAP. The acreage report deadline is August 15th. Producers should contact the office to schedule an appointment to file this important report in advance of the deadline.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

The application deadline for 2009 DCP has been extended to August 15th. Eligibility forms are revised with the new farm bill which will require additional time to complete. These new requirements include direct attribution forms and new adjusted gross income forms. Any producers with farms with grain base or contract acres should schedule an appointment prior to August 15th to complete their application.

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Payment Limits & Direct Attribution

To qualify for commodity and disaster programs under the new farm bill, applicants must meet new **Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)** restrictions. The AGI ceiling limitation was reduced from \$2.5 million from all sources to a three-year average **non-farm AGI of \$500,000** for most FSA programs. For DCP, an individual or entity must have a 3-year average AGI less than or equal to \$750,000 per year from farm income. For conservation programs, the average nonfarm AGI limitation is \$1 million or less. However, an individual or entity who has non-farm AGI in excess of \$1 million remains eligible for conservation programs if 66.66% or more of the total AGI is derived from farming, ranching and forestry operations. Program payments are limited by direct attribution to individuals, or indirectly to individuals through entities. Individuals and entities must be "actively engaged in farming" with respect to a farming operation in order to be eligible for benefits. To be "actively engaged in farming," the individual or entity and entity members must make significant contributions to the farming operation of: (1) capital, equipment, land, or a combination; and (2) personal labor or active personal management.

File Your Application Using E-File

E-file is the process that allows USDA applicants to file forms using computer technology and the internet. To submit forms electronically, customers must register and request an access code by submitting a completed form AD-2016. Proof of identification must also be submitted to USDA. After receiving a letter explaining how to activate his/her account, customers may submit and sign forms electronically. Not all forms are available for electronic signature. Registration is not necessary to print forms. Visit the website <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov> or contact our office for additional information.

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