

Farm Service Agency

RHODE ISLAND COUNTY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2006

CROP REPORTING DEADLINE

For your convenience we will to have satellite locations in the following places from 10am – 2pm:

June 23rd--Confreda Farms
2150 Scituate Ave
Hope, RI

June 27th--Sweet Berry Farm
19 Third Beach Rd
Middletown, RI

June 28th – Frerichs' Farm
43 Kinnicut Ave
Warren, RI

June 30th--Young Family Farm
242 West Main Rd
Little Compton, RI

Producers are also encouraged to file crop reports at the county office.

ALL participating farms must file a crop report to be eligible for program benefits. This includes payments under **DCP, NAP, CRP, LDPs, and disaster programs.**

The deadline to report acreage for Rhode Island is July 15, 2006. Reports filed after that will be required to pay a \$20 fee.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The County Committee member position representing Local Administrative Area 1 is up for election this year. You may nominate a candidate to run on the ballot and vote for the candidate of your choice to fill this position if you own or operate land in LAA 1 (Providence County). We want this election to be a more inclusive election. We encourage everyone to vote, this includes women and minorities. County Committee election brochures and a nomination form (669-A) will be sent to you in a separate mailing.

AUGUST 1

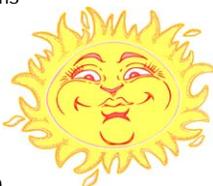
Last day to file nomination forms

NOVEMBER 3

Election ballots mailed

DECEMBER 4

Last day to return voted ballo...



LDP

Loan Deficiency Payments

Marketing Assistance Loans, LDPs

To be eligible loans and LDPs, you must comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements; beneficial interest requirements, report how you use cropland acreage on the farm and ensure that the commodity meets Commodity Credit Corporation minimum grade and quality standards.

Requesting LDPs and loans has been made easier with the **CCC-633 EZ**. Complete **page 1** of the EZ form **before** losing beneficial interest. Once you've signed the EZ form you can submit an LDP request at any time during the loan availability period — before or after losing beneficial interest.

When it comes to loans, you must have beneficial interest in the commodity on the date you request the loan, and you must retain beneficial interest while the loan is outstanding.

Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if you regain beneficial interest.

Loan and LDP eligible commodities have been produced by an eligible producer, are in existence and in a storable condition and be merchantable for food, feed or other uses as determined by CCC. You must maintain the quality of the commodity held in farm storage throughout the term of the loan.

Individuals and entities whose previous three-year average adjusted gross income, or AGI, exceeds \$2.5 million are ineligible for LDPs and market loan gains unless they can show that at least 75 percent of their AGI comes from agriculture.

The total of LDPs and market loan gains you may receive is limited to \$75,000 for each crop year. That means \$75,000 for wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, rice, soybeans, other oilseeds, dry peas, lentils and small chickpeas; and, \$75,000 for peanuts, wool, mohair and honey.

Violating provisions of the loan and LDP program may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans and LDPs. The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.



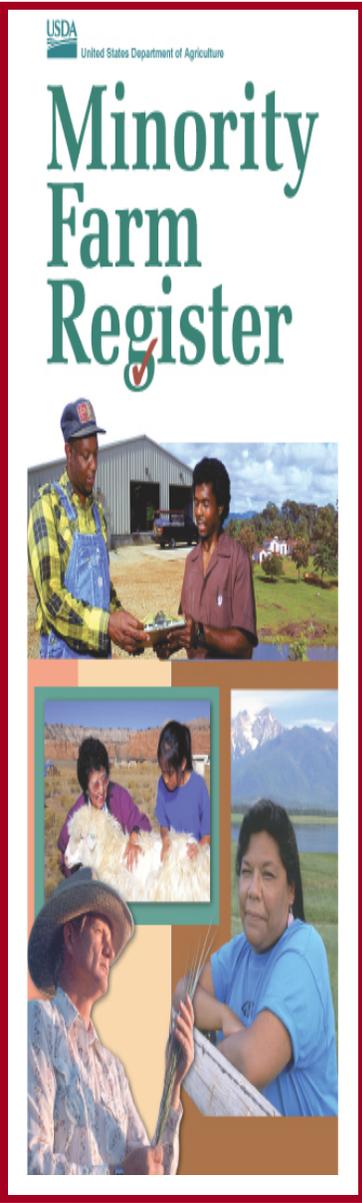
NAP
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

The NAP program is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, or prevented planting occurs as the result of natural disasters. NAP also provides coverage for crops for which the catastrophic level of insurance is not available. It is \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer per county, or not to exceed \$900 for a multi-county producer.

For the CDP program, if you received a payment under this program, you are obligated to purchase NAP coverage.

Producers who have a NAP contract on file with this office are reminded to file a **NOTICE OF LOSS** when it becomes apparent that a covered crop or pasture has been damaged by drought, frost, insects, etc. This Notice of Loss should be filed within **15 days** of when the damage is apparent. Producers also need to notify our office if you intend to graze a crop instead of harvest it.

<i>Dates to Remember</i>	
July 1	DCP Deadline
July 4	Office Closed
July 15	Crop Report Deadline
<i>County Information</i>	
Address: 60 Quaker Lane, Ste 49 Warwick, RI 02886	Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Staff: Melissa Turrisi, CED Anne Belleville, PT Devon Edmiston, PT Roxanne Boisse, FLM Joe Marcoccia, FLO Sandy Ford, PT	Phone Numbers: 401-828-3120 1-800-554-5144 Fax- 401-821-0780 Farm Loan Direct Line: 401-822-8889



The USDA **Minority Farm Register** is a tool to promote equal access to USDA farm programs and services for minority farmland owners, farmers, ranchers, tenants, and other individuals with an agricultural interest. Participants may receive information or be personally contacted through USDA outreach efforts. USDA programs include direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans, marketing loans, as well as conservation, housing & rural business, and risk management.

Participation in the Register is voluntary. All minority persons involved in farming or ranching are encouraged to participate. The information you provide may be shared through the USDA Office of Outreach with other USDA-approved outreach partners such as community-based organizations, educational institutions, and other government agencies.

You may complete this form on the Farm Service Agency (FSA) eForms Web site at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainseviet> and submit it electronically if you have an eAuthentication account with USDA.

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