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Agricultural Assistance Act of 2007

May 25, 2007, President Bush signed into law the "U.S. Troop Readiness, Veteran's Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007". Through this Act will come approximately \$3 billion in aid to assist American farmers and ranchers who suffered losses to crops and livestock during the 2005, 2006, or 2007 crop years.

The following programs will be used to provide assistance: Crop Disaster Program (CDP), Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP). Programs that have been extended through the 2007 Act are Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program (EFCRP) and the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC).

Preliminary information on each program is available at: www.fsa.usda.gov click on Disaster Assistance Programs on the left side of the webpage.

No signup dates have been set yet. Watch your mail for more details as they become available.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP is available for all crops not covered under Federal Crop Insurance. NAP provides catastrophic level coverage (50% yield / 55% price) to crops damaged by eligible weather events that occur before or during harvest. Cost is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per county.

Application closing dates for 2008 crops:

Fall planted vegetable seeds, canola, carrots, onions and other seed crops; Christmas trees, cut flowers, ornamental nursery, herbs **8/31/07**

Grass, alfalfa, small grain (fall or spring planted), other forage, grazing, grass seed, clover seed, alfalfa seed, and any other perennial not mentioned **10/1/07**

ALL fruit crops, honey 11/20/07

All spring planted crops not mentioned **3/15/08**

Buckwheat **5/31/08**

NOTE: Peppermint is no longer an eligible crop for NAP coverage as it is eligible for Federal Crop Insurance coverage beginning with the 2008 crop.

Crop Insurance Coverage – 2008 Crops

Various crops in Lane County are covered by USDA's Risk Management Agency **Crop Insurance Program**. These crops are **NOT** eligible for loss assistance under the Non-insured Assistance Program. 2008 Insurable Crops and sales closing dates:

Wheat, Peppermint - Winter Option	Oct 1, 2007
Grapes, Apples, Pears	Nov 20, 2007
Adjusted Gross Revenue	Jan 31, 2008
Barley, Field Corn, Oats, Sweet Corn, Peppermint-Basic, Processed Beans, Silage Corn	Mar 15, 2008
Nursery (Inground & Container)	May 1, 2008

A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at the website address: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

Celebrating Women's Equality Day on August 26th

August 26 of each year is designated in the United States as Women's Equality Day. Instituted by Rep. Bella Abzug and first established in 1971, the date commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights in 1920.

2007 Compliance Process

Starting this year a new compliance and spot check selection process will be implemented for the 2007 crop year. Instead of locally selecting farms, contracts, deficiency loans, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers will be made using a statistical sampling method. Spot check selections are to be conducted based on a producer's participation in Conservation Reserve Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Loan Deficiency Program, etc.

State and County Offices shall view and print their producer spot check lists as posted on the designated web site. If an entity is selected from the national database that is no longer farming or participating in the 2007 crop year, a notation shall be made on the spot check list. For more information about the new spot check selection procedure, feel free to contact your local Farm Service Agency office for additional clarification.

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What are eLDPS? FSA's electronic Loan Deficiency Payment Service (eLDP) is an Internet-based service allowing producers to request LDPs online and, in most cases, receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours.

Online eLDPs are offered as an additional option to producers requesting an LDP. LDP benefits are still available at the local FSA county office. However, eLDP services provide greater flexibility to producers who conduct business online and want to avoid travel time to and from the local FSA office.

Access to the eLDP service is available to all USDA customers. In order to insure personal identity, you must first register for a USDA eAuthentication Level 2 Account. This process is easy and starts online by creating a user ID and password and confirming your e-mail address. The final step requires visiting a local USDA Service Center to complete the eAuthentication process.

eLDPs Continued:

USDA provides eLDP services in a secure online environment that protects your privacy through stringent security measures. All participating customers will have an eLDP Customer Profile set up through a software application that validates their farming and crop information.

Local FSA offices will maintain Customer Profiles for accuracy. Customer Profile information is provided by the customer and verified by farm records stored in the county office. FSA's eLDP customers can use a personal computer to submit an LDP application. After the eLDP is approved by USDA, the payment is automatically routed by electronic funds transfer to the customer's bank account.

The eLDP process is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except during routine backup and maintenance periods. The applicable LDP rate is based upon the rate in effect on the application date for the location of the stored commodity.

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