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NAP REMINDER

Concerning Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policies, in the event of a crop failure caused by natural disaster, the producer needs to notify the local FSA office by completing a "Notice of Loss" (form CCC-576). The notice of loss must be executed within 15 days of the date the damage became apparent. Failure to timely report the loss could result in loss of benefits.

MEASUREMENT SERVICE RATES

FSA provides a number of measurement services for our producers that include: measuring crops after planting, measuring fields prior to planting, re-measuring previously measured acreages, verifying crops and disaster conditions and acreages, measuring or sampling farm stored grains and other commodity crops, and verifying crops for late-filed crop reports. The cost of this service has changed. It is now \$30 for the basic farm fee and \$16 for the first hour and \$8 for every 30 minutes after the first hour with a minimum of 1 hour charged.

2007 DCP Sign-up

Signup for the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) began on October 1, 2006 and runs through August 3, 2007. Late-filed applications will be accepted through September 30, 2007. There will be a \$100.00 late fee charged for these late applications.

Advance payments at 22 percent of the final direct payment amount are available soon after signup. The remaining 78 percent will be paid soon after October 1, 2007.

If you haven't completed your 2007 signup, please call for an appointment, as soon as possible.

2007 COC Election Information

One of FSA's responsibilities is to conduct County Committee elections in an open manner that ensures accountability. County FSA Offices will provide local organizations representing socially disadvantaged groups with detailed information about the COC election process. FSA is reaching out to agricultural communities to get equitable representation on their county committees.

Groups representing socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, will be actively solicited for COC election candidates, and encouraged to fill out a nomination form (**FSA-669A**). Under represented farmers and ranchers are encouraged to step up and participate in their county's COC election process. Producers will notice posters and announcements displayed in businesses, churches, and other public places. COC election fact sheets can be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA> under the News & Events tab on the FSA homepage

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

If you are a farmer or rancher who has participated in a farming operation for at least three but no more than 10 years, you may qualify for beginning farmer targeted loan funds with Farm Service Agency.

The program is designed to assist these farmers by providing direct and guaranteed loans when they are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources.

If you believe this program could be of benefit to you, please contact the county office staff for more information. Our loan officials will welcome your interest.

Farm Record Changes

Please contact us if there have been changes in your farming operation. Changes that must be reported include ownership changes, operator changes, changes in shares on the farm or a change in the way you are doing business.

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land please report as soon as possible. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines.

**2006 FINAL COUNTER-CYCLICAL
 PAYMENT**

Final 2006 CC payment rates for wheat, barley, and oats are zero because their effective price exceeds their respective target prices. The effective price equals the direct payment rate, plus the higher of the national average loan rate or the national average farm price.

Item	Wheat	Barley	Oats
	Dollars Per Bushel		
Target Price	3.92	2.24	1.440
National Average Loan Rate	2.75	1.85	1.330
National Average Farm Price	4.26	2.59	1.870
Higher of Loan Rate or Farm Price	4.26	2.59	1.870
Direct Payment Rate	0.52	0.24	0.024
Effective Price	4.78	2.83	1.894
Final Counter-Cyclical Payment Rate	0	0	0

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 1** **Last Day to submit Nominations for County Committee Election**
- August 1** **Final Day to request a Reconstitution**
- August 3** **Direct & Counter Cyclical Program deadline**
- Anytime** **Wool LDP**
- Anytime** **Continuous CRP sign-up**

**IMMEDIATELY--File Notification of Loss Forms
 Within 15 days of Loss for NAP**

- Notify County office of any Changes in Direct Deposit information**
- Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, etc.**

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