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Menominee, Dickinson, Iron County Newsletter

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ATTENTION
IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
ABOUT
PARTICIPATION IN
USDA FARM
PROGRAMS
ENCLOSED

Acreage Reporting Deadline Extended to August 15, 2008

Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting, can prevent the loss of program benefits. Farms not reported timely will be assessed a late-filing fee of \$46.00 minimum per farm.

Producers are required to report all of their cropland, including the field planting date, in order to qualify for benefits under the following programs:

- Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program - **DCP**
- Commodity Loans & Loan Deficiency Payments - **LDP**
- Conservation Reserve Program Annual Rental Payments - **CRP**
- Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Payments - **NAP**

Failed crop acreage must be reported with in 15 days of the disaster event and before the crop is destroyed. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date for crop history and program eligibility. All disaster affected crops must be reported before the crop evidence is destroyed.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

COC Meetings

If you are interested in attending a County Committee meeting please call ahead to confirm the date. The announced meeting schedule is subject to change.

Non-Insured Assistance Program Sales Closing Dates for 2009 Coverage

- September 1, 2008 – Christmas Trees, Ginseng & Sod
- September 30, 2008 – forage crops, rye & winter wheat
- November 20, 2008 – apples, blueberries, asparagus, raspberries, & strawberries
- December 1, 2008 – honey & maple sap

The service fee for 2009 coverage is \$250.00 per crop, maximum \$750.00 per county & \$1875.00 per producer for all counties.

If you have a NAP policy on forage and report the intended use as “mechanically harvest for hay” be aware that you must leave a representative sample area for an appraisal if the hay will be grazed, abandoned or destroyed. Please contact the office with questions.

2008 DCP Sign Up ends September 30, 2008

The Farm Bill has continued DCP for 2008. Base acres in effect for 2007 will be the same for 2008 & payments will be computed on 85% of these base acres. The Farm Bill prohibits direct payments to farms with 10 base acres or less unless the farm is wholly owned & operated by a socially disadvantaged farmer or limited resource farmer.

**Do you have any farm record
land ownership changes for
2008? File the request by the
deadline of August 1, 2008.**



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2008 Buy-In for Disaster Assistance Programs

Livestock Forage Disaster Program – **LFP** – covers grazing / pasture losses for eligible livestock

Livestock Indemnity Program – **LIP** – covers livestock death due to adverse weather

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program – **SURE** – covers crop production & quality losses

Tree Assistance Program – **TAP** – covers commercial tree losses due to adverse weather

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees & Farm-Raised Fish – **ELAP** – is intended to cover disasters that are not adequately covered by any other disaster program

To be eligible for these programs:

- Producers must have at least CAT coverage for all insurable crops & NAP coverage for all non-insurable crops
- For 2008 only, producers who did not purchase CAT or NAP coverage may now buy-into these programs
- The buy-in fee of \$100 per crop, but not more than \$300 per producer per county or \$900 for all counties must be paid and the forms completed no later than the deadline of September 16, 2008
- These fees are only to buy eligibility for disaster programs
- The buy-in fees do not provide any CAT crop insurance or NAP coverage for 2008
- Buy-in fees are waived for socially disadvantaged, limited resource & beginning farmers

2005, 2006 & 2007 Crop Disaster Program for Quality Losses

For producers on a farm to be eligible for a crop quality payment, the quality loss must be attributed to an eligible disaster condition, be at the 25% minimum loss level and also have suffered a 25% reduction in value due to poor quality. Producers are required to submit written verifiable production evidence and quality testing that includes the affected production, the quality loss and the reduced price because of poor quality. Contact the office for more details.

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