

# Farm Service Agency

*Rhode Island County FSA Office*

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## Crop Reporting and Planting Dates

**Deadline July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

Also, remember to keep track of your planting dates. Those dates are helpful to you in the event of a disaster program. Planting dates are also required for producers enrolled in NAP and crop insurance. We will ask you for these dates when you file your crop report.

## **\*IMPORTANT\***

### Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

USDA's Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of **noninsurable** crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. The natural disaster must occur before or during harvest and must directly affect the eligible crop.

To be eligible for NAP assistance, crops must be noninsurable crops and agricultural commodities for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available, and must be any of the following commercially produced crops:

- crops grown for food;
- crops planted and grown for livestock consumption, including, but not limited to, grain and forage crops, including native forage;
- crops grown for fiber, such as cotton and flax (except for trees);
- crops grown under a controlled environment, such as mushrooms and floriculture;
- specialty crops, such as honey and maple sap;
- value loss crops, such as aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, ornamental nursery, and turfgrass sod;
- sea oats and sea grass; and
- seed crops where the propagation stock is produced for sale as seed stock for other eligible NAP crop production.

It benefits producers to report crop acreage shortly after planting (early in the risk period) to ensure reporting deadlines are not missed and coverage is not lost.

In addition, producers must annually provide the following production information:

- the quantity of all harvested production of the crop in;
- the disposition of the harvested crop
- verifiable or reliable crop production records

Producers must provide production information in a manner that can be easily understood by the FSA county committee..

**Failure to report acreage and production information may result in reduced or zero NAP assistance. Be aware that acreage reporting deadline is July 17th.**

FSA uses acreage reports to verify the existence of the crop and record the number of acres covered by the application. Also, the acreage report in combination with the production report are used to calculate the approved yield (expected production for a crop year). The approved yield is the average of your actual production history (APH) for a minimum of 4 to a maximum of 10 crop years (5 years for apples and peaches). To calculate your APH, FSA divides your total production by your crop acreage.

**The approved yield may be calculated by using substantially reduced yield data if you do not report acreage and production, or report less than 4 years of crop production.**

When a crop or planting is affected by a natural disaster, you must notify your local FSA office by completing Part B, Notice of Loss, on Form CCC-576, Application for Payment, within 15 calendar days of the:

- natural disaster occurrence;
- final planting date, if your planting was prevented by a natural disaster;
- date damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent to you; or
- the normal harvest date.

To receive NAP benefits, producers must complete Form CCC-576, Application for Payment, no later than the immediately subsequent crop year acreage reporting date for the crop.

Further information on NAP is available from your local FSA office or on FSA's Web site at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

# No More Rain!

May and June have brought over 15 inches of rain, causing planting delays, crop loss, and even the inability to get into the field at all. We are aware that all farmers have been affected by the excessive rain and we want to hear from you. We need to hear about prevented planting, crop loss, wet fields, and delays. Please call our office and share your frustrations. If you have access to a digital camera, please don't hesitate to send us pictures of damages via email (please indicate which field and farm are in the photo). Remember, our goal is to help you!

County Information			
<b>Reminder:</b> <b>County Committee Elections</b> <b>Nominations for Providence</b> <b>County are due August 1!</b>	<b>Phone Numbers:</b> <b>401-828-3120</b> <b>800-554-5144</b> <b>Fax: 401-821-0780</b> <b>Farm Loan Direct Line</b> <b>401-822-8889</b>	<b>Hours:</b> <b>Monday-Friday</b> <b>8:00am to 4:30pm</b>	<b>Staff:</b> <b>Melissa Turrisi, CED</b> <a href="mailto:Melissa.turrisi@ri.usda.gov">Melissa.turrisi@ri.usda.gov</a> <b>Anne Belleville, PT</b> <b>Devon Edmiston, PT</b> <b>Melanie Benda, PT</b> <b>Roxanne Boisse, FLM</b> <b>Joe Marcoccia, FLO</b> <b>Sandy Ford, PT</b>

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