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Dates to Remember

On-going: SURE sign-up

Ongoing: LDP sign-up

March 15: Deadline for
NAP sign-up; annual
crops

April 13: COC meeting-
12:30 pm
(Call to confirm)

May 11: COC meeting-
12:30 pm
(Call to confirm)

June 1: Deadline for DCP
sign-up

June 8: COC meeting-
12:30 pm
(Call to confirm)

June 15: Producers must
submit CCC 927 /
CCC 928 to IRS

NAP

Noninsured Crop Disaster applica-
tions for 2010 annual crops are due
by **March 15, 2010**. Producers
should apply for coverage using form
CCC-471 (Application for Coverage).
Service fees are due when the appli-
cation is filed. The service fee is
\$250 per crop per county or \$750
maximum per producer per county.
The fee cannot exceed a total of
\$1875 per producer with farming
interests in multiple counties.
Limited resource producers may
request a waiver of service fees.

See definitions ----->

Reminder: To be eligible for disaster
programs a producer's crops must
be covered by NAP or a crop insur-
ance policy.

BCAP

The Biomass Crop Assistance
Program (BCAP) which provided
financial assistance in the form of
matching payments to eligible
material owners has been suspended
until further notice.

FSA cannot approve any new ap-
plications. Eligible material owners
should contact your local FSA
Service Center for additional informa-
tion or go to:
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/energy>

New Reporting Requirements

USDA has a Memorandum of Un-
derstanding with the Internal Re-
venue Service (IRS) to establish an
information exchange process for
verifying compliance with the
adjusted gross income (AGI)
provisions for farm programs.
Written consent is required from
each producer or payment recipient
for the tax review process. No actual
tax data will be included in the report
that IRS sends to USDA.

Participants in FSA and NRCS
programs **must** submit form CCC-
927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928
(Legal Entity) for 2009 and/or 2010 to
the IRS by **June 15** to avoid interrup-
tion of program benefits.

These forms may be obtained from
local FSA and NRCS offices.



IMPORTANT - ARE YOU A.....

Beginning Farmer

FSA defines a beginning farmer as a
person who:

- o Has not operated a farm for
more than 10 years
- o Will substantially participate in
the operation of the farm

All members of an entity or joint op-
eration must meet the eligibility begin-
ner farmer requirements.

Limited Resource Farmer

A limited resource farmer is a farmer
that meets the criteria for both of the
following:

- o In each of the last two years, the
direct or indirect gross farm
sales were less than or equal to
\$142,000 per year. (Gross farm
sales are defined as: gross In-
come entered on IRS Form 1040,
Schedule F.)
- o In each of the last two years,
your total household income
was less than the county/area
value. (Total household income
is defined as the Adjusted
Gross Income for all members
in your household or the
amount you entered on IRS
Form 1040, line 37. **Ex: Rock-
ingham County \$38,260.05 or
Strafford County \$30,270.98**)

All members of an entity or joint
operation must meet the eligibility
requirements.

Socially Disadvantaged Farmer

A socially disadvantaged farmer is
one who is a member of a group,
whose members have been subject to
racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice
because of their identity as members
of a group without regard to their indi-
vidual qualities. * Note: Gender
prejudice is only applicable to the DCP
and ACRE programs.

Storm Damage

If because of an unusual weather
occurrence land used in your farming
operation sustained damage from
heavy rain, flooding, and/or winds, we
need to hear from you NOW. This
would be land used for producing
crops such as: hay, maple sap,
vegetables, fruits, etc. or land used for
grazing. Please call the office as soon
as possible.

Let's Think Spring!!!!

2008 SURE- SIGN UP

Sign-up to participate in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) began January 4, 2010 for those with 2008 crop losses.

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60% of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. A crop of economic significance is defined as any crop that contributes 5% or more of the total value of all crops. In addition, producers must have met the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision.

Producers considered socially disadvantaged (excepting gender), a beginning farmer, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy, plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

DCP

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program for farms with base acres will continue through June 1, 2010. Please contact the office and set up a time to discuss land use and renew your contracts to participate.

Reconstitutions

In program terminology, farms are constituted to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Requests for reconstitutions should be filed by June 1. If any of the land that you use has had changes, please call the office and let us know.

Wool, Mohair and Pelt LDPs

Now is the time to file your intention to participate in the Wool and Mohair Loan Deficiency Payment program. You must file a CCC 633 with the county office before the sale or disposal of your wool, mohair or pelts to be eligible to participate in this program. Once you file the necessary forms you can sell or dispose of your wool as long as a bill of sale or other proof of disposal is provided at the time payment is requested. During the last year, the price has held steady at \$.29 per pound. Call the office for more information.

Foreign Owners Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county to report the transaction to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Farm Service Agency, within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form can result in civil penalties of up to 25% of the fair market value of the property.

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