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ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

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2007 COUNTER-CYCLICAL PAYMENTS (CC)

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act), contains provisions that the 2007 Counter-Cyclical Payments (CC) will be issued at different time periods than previous years. If the Secretary determines CC payments are required, the first payment (advance) equal to 40 percent maybe issued after 6 months of marketing year. The final payment may be issued after the end of the 12 month marketing year for the crop.

The Marketing Year is as follows:

Wheat, Oats - June of year crop is harvest through next May

Corn Sorghum, Soybeans - September of year crop is harvested through next August

UPCN, Rice, Peanuts, - August of year crop is harvested through next July

Therefore, the projected 2007 CC Advances payment dates are:

Wheat and Oats - December 2007

UPCN, Rice, and Peanuts - February 2008

Corn, Sorghum, and Soybeans - March 2008

The projected 2007 CC Finals payment dates are:

Wheat and Oats - July 2008

UPCN, Rice, and Peanuts - September 2008

Corn, Sorghum, and Soybeans - October 2008

Note: It is unknown if they will delay Rice to February 2009 as they have with previous years.

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PAYMENTS TO DECEASED PRODUCERS

FSA must be notified immediately upon the death of producers who are participating in FSA programs. Failure to notify FSA and make modification to program contracts may result in a loss of benefits for the share of the deceased producers and the other producers on the program contracts.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROVISIONS

Any person who is convicted under Federal or State law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting, or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium poppies, and other drug producing plants.

PREVENTED PLANTED PROVISIONS

Producers should report prevented planted acreage to their local FSA Office when the crop acreage is not planted due to disaster-related conditions. To be considered timely filed, prevented planted acres should be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date established by Federal Crop Insurance. Final planting date for Wheat is November 30, 2007 so the final date to report prevented planted Wheat is December 15, 2007. County Committee review and action are required to receive history credit in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

2005, 2006, 2007 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

FSA is now accepting applications for the 2005, 2006, 2007 Crop Disaster Assistance Program (CDP) for quantity losses. Producers must have obtained Federal Crop Insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to be eligible. Eligible producers must have suffered losses in excess of 35 percent. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price. Contact your local office for more details.

The 2005, 2005, 2007, CDP Program will also cover quality losses, however, FSA has not released quality loss provisions to date. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

2008 NAP Application Closing Dates

Crop	Application Closing Date
Honey	December 1, 2007
<u>Grazing and Forage:</u> Alfalfa, Bahia, Bermuda Coastal, Bermuda-Common, Bermuda Hybrid, Bluestem Old World, Fescue Red, Fescue Tall, Lovegrass, Mixed Forage, Native Interseeded, Orchard Grass, Rye, Annual, Small Grains/Interseeded, and Sudangrass	December 1, 2007
Cabbage, Spring and Fall, Carrots, Greens – All Varieties, Spring and Fall, FH, Greens – All Varieties, Spring and Fall, Process, Onions, Pecans, Native and Improved, Potatoes, Spring and Fall	January 1, 2008

2008 NAP Acreage Reporting Dates for Forage and Grazing Crops

Crop	Acreage Reporting Date
Forage: Wheat—SRW, Rye, Barley- WTR, Oats--WTR	December 15, 2007
Grazing: Wheat—SRW, Rye, Barley—WTR, Oats—WTR	December 15, 2007

