



# YOLO COUNTY FSA NEWS



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## Yolo County FSA

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This office will be closed  
February 18th in  
observance of George  
Washington's Birthday



## PASCHOAL REMAINS ON COUNTY COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Bob Paschoal! Bob was re-elected to the Yolo County Committee to represent LAA-1, which includes Yolo County land west of I-5 and I-505. Bob was elected to his second term. Rudy Lucero Jr. and Tom Hayes will serve as First and Second Alternates, respectively.

## CDP, LCP AND LIP SIGN-UPS CONTINUE; ACT AMENDED TO EXTEND DISASTER OCCURRENCE DATE

On December 26, 2007, the President signed into law the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008. The 2008 Act amended the February 28, 2007 planting date for Crop Disaster Program (CDP) eligibility, allowing all crops planted for the 2007 crop year to be included for loss purposes under CDP. It also extends the date livestock and livestock feed losses could have occurred in a primary or

contiguous county named in a Secretarial or Presidential disaster declaration to December 31, 2007. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

DDAP-III (Dairy Disaster Assistance Program) will help dairy producers recover from production losses resulting from a variety of adverse weather that occurred January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007 due to qualifying natural disasters.

## THINGS TO DO WHILE WAITING FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE NEW FARM BILL:

- Report your fall-seeded acreage
- Report any lease or ownership changes
- Report your fall-seeded acreage
- Apply for CDP, LCP or LIP
- Report your fall-seeded acreage



**NONINSURED CROP  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM**

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops (those for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available) when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters.

The natural disaster must have either reduced the expected unit production of the crop by more than 50 percent or prevented the producer from planting more than 35 per cent of the intended crop acreage.

An eligible natural disaster is damaging weather, an adverse natural occurrence, or a condition related to damaging weather or an adverse natural occurrence. The natural disaster must occur before or during harvest and must directly affect the eligible crop.

When a crop or planting is affected by a natural disaster, you must notify your local FSA office within 15 calendar days of the natural disaster occurrence, final planting date (if planting was prevented by a natural disaster) or date damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent.

To receive NAP benefits, producers must complete Form CCC-576, Notice of Loss and Application for Payment Parts D, E, F (as applicable) and G no later than the immediately subsequent crop year acreage reporting date for the crop.

NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 per cent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.



An eligible producer is a landowner, tenant or sharecropper who shares in the risk of producing an eligible crop. The annual gross revenue of the eligible producer, and any individual or entity combined as one "person" with the eligible producer, cannot exceed \$2 million.

Eligible producers must apply for coverage of noninsurable crops and pay the applicable service fees at their local FSA office by the application closing date as estab-

lished by the producer's FSA State Committee. The service fee is the lesser of \$100 per crop or \$300 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$900 per producer with farming interest in multiple counties. Limited resource producers may request a waiver of service fees.

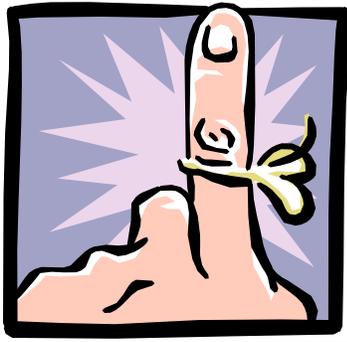
The coverage period for annual crops begins the later of:

- 30 days after application for coverage and the applicable service fees have been paid; or
- the date the crop is planted and does not exceed the final planting date and ends the earlier of:
  - the date the crop harvest is completed;
  - the normal harvest date for the crop;
  - the date the crop is abandoned; or
  - the date the entire crop acreage is destroyed.

The coverage period for perennial crops, other than those intended for forage, begins 30 calendar days after the application closing date and ends the earlier of:

- 10 months from the application closing date;
- the date the crop harvest is completed;
- the normal harvest date for the crop;
- the date the crop is abandoned; or
- the date the entire crop acreage is destroyed.

Please contact your local FSA office for information on the coverage periods for perennial forage crops, controlled - environment crops, specialty crops and value loss crops.



To remain eligible for NAP assistance, the name of the crop, type and variety, location and acreage of the crop, share of the crop and the names of other producers with an interest in the crop, type of practice used to grow the crop, date the crop was planted in each field, intended use of the commodity and production information (quantity, disposition and verifiable records) must be provided annually.

For aquaculture, floriculture and ornamental nursery operations, producers must maintain records according to Industry standards, including daily crop inventories.

Unique reporting requirements apply to beekeepers and producers of Christmas trees, turfgrass sod, maple sap, mushrooms, ginseng and commercial seed or forage crops. Please contact your local FSA office for these requirements.

FSA uses the acreage report to verify the existence of the crop and record the number of acres covered by the application. In combination with the production report, it is 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.



## **RECORD CHANGES**

Participation in FSA farm programs requires all records to be accurate and up to date. ***It is the producer's responsibility*** to inform FSA of changes to his/her farming operation including, but not limited to, land ownership changes, adding or dropping a tract of land (leases), entity type or ID number changes, marriage, divorce, deaths or changes in your financial institution for direct deposit. A copy of the deed must be submitted for ownership changes; copies of written lease agreements must be submitted for all cash leases.

## **DIRECT DEPOSIT**

Payments from FSA are required by law to be directly deposited into a producer's savings or checking account. Our office will send you a transaction statement indicating the payment type and amount. All producers were required to have initiated Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by January 1, 1999. Any person may request a waiver of EFT if it poses a financial or personal hardship. It is important that any changes to your account be provided to the county office promptly to avoid possible payment delay.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

(NOTE: "HISTORICAL" DEADLINES ARE SUBJECT  
TO REVISION UNDER THE NEW FARM BILL)

2/18/2008	George Washington's Birthday – office closed
3/01/2008	NAP ACD – 2008 annuals
3/31/2008	Final availability date for 2007 wheat, barley, oats and canola marketing assistance loans and LDP's End date for authorized grazing of CRP acres (120-day) End date for authorized grazing of CRP acres (2 <sup>nd</sup> 60-day)
4/30/2008	2008 fall-seeded acreage reporting deadline
5/26/2008	Memorial Day – office closed
5/31/2008	Final availability date for 2007 corn, rice, grain sorghum, safflower, sunflower, soybean, cotton and mustard seed marketing assistance loans and LDP's
7/04/2008	Independence Day – office closed
7/15/2008	2008 spring-seeded acreage reporting deadline
8/01/2008	NAP ACD – 2009 fall-planted seed and multi-planting crops
9/01/2008	NAP ACD – 2009 fall-planted garbanzo beans
9/01/2008	Labor Day – office closed
10/01/2008	NAP ACD – 2009 fall-planted garlic
10/13/2008	Columbus Day – office closed
11/11/2008	Veterans Day – office closed
11/27/2008	Thanksgiving Day – office closed
12/01/2008	NAP ACD – 2009 forage and honey
12/15/2008	NAP ACD – 2009 fruit and nut trees
12/25/2008	Christmas Day – office closed

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