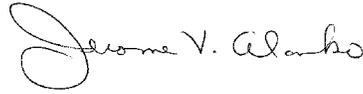


For: State and County Offices

**Publicizing NAP and Submitting Requests  
for 1996, 1997, and/or 1998 Crop Year Loss Situations**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



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**1 Overview**

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Background**

On October 13, 1994, Pub. L. 103-354 authorized NAP to replace ad hoc disaster programs. NAP was implemented to compensate growers of noninsured crops when losses because of natural disasters are severe and widespread. The level of loss protection is intended to provide eligible producers of certain eligible crops with protection comparable to the catastrophic risk protection plan of insurance.

Publicizing NAP to all eligible producers is essential. COC's are responsible for ensuring that NAP provisions are publicized. NAP information shall be publicized through newsletters, radio, television, informational meetings, and all other appropriate means.

On October 21, 1998, Pub. L. 105-277 authorized Federal disaster relief for either 1998 single-year crop losses or multi-year crop losses in any 3 or more crop years between 1994 and 1998. These benefits are in addition to any payments received under NAP.

Notice NAP-23 advises offices to establish units and calculate approved yields for 1998.

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Purpose**

This notice informs State and County Offices to:

- publicize NAP
- immediately submit NAP areas for 1996 through 1998 crop year loss situations.

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<b>Disposal Date</b>  January 1, 2000	<b>Distribution</b>  State Offices; States Offices relay to County Offices
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### 2 Publicizing NAP

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#### NAP Information

According to 1-NAP, subparagraph 6 B, COC's shall publicize all significant information about NAP, including, but not limited to:

- producer and crop eligibility (paragraphs 28 and 171)
  - acreage reporting requirements (paragraph 151)
  - FSA-574 requirements (paragraph 401)
  - loss adjustment requirements (paragraph 401)
  - production reporting requirements (paragraph 302)
  - applicable dates and deadlines (paragraph 10).
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### 3 Submitting NAP Area Requests

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#### Timely Submission of NAP Area Requests

Because of the enactment of Pub. L. 105-277, it is imperative that offices finalize work on NAP areas involving 1996, 1997, and/or 1998 crop loss situations. Because multi-year crop losses under the new program will be directly related to those producers having multiple year losses documented, NAP areas should be approved before the end of the new program's announced signup period.

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### 4 Action

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#### County Office Action

County FSA Offices are required to:

- publicize NAP in their January 1999 newsletter and also in any available news media
- maintain an accurate record of all publicity efforts
- submit a report of its efforts to publicize NAP information to the State Office by **January 15, 1999**.

COC's shall act on any outstanding or pending NAP areas and submit to STC for review.

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### 4 Action (Continued)

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#### STC Action

State Offices shall review reports of publicity to ensure that adequate information has been publicized. If State Offices deem it necessary, State Offices shall use available media contacts in the county and issue additional press releases for NAP.

STC shall encourage County FSA Offices to submit NAP areas as soon as possible. It is extremely important that STC's and COC's understand that benefits under the multi-year crop loss option of the new disaster program are relative to the losses in 3 of the crop years 1994 through 1998. STC shall review and, if warranted, recommend NAP areas to DAFP for approval.

**Note:** STC's having DAFP's delegation of authority to approve NAP areas shall immediately process NAP areas according to Notice NAP-22.

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### 5 Calculating Payments

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#### 1999 and Subsequent Payment Rate

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County FSA Offices are reminded that the rate for 1999 NAP payments will be calculated based on 55 percent of the average market price instead of 60 percent which was used for 1998 and prior crop year losses.

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