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Siskiyou FSA News

Livestock Forage Program

The Siskiyou FSA Office is currently signing up livestock producers for the 2008 and 2009 LFP (Livestock Forage Program) for losses caused by drought. To be eligible, livestock producers must have either purchased 2008 or 2009 NAP for pasture, or purchased the buy-in option last year for 2008. If you did not purchase 2008 or 2009 NAP for pasture, you may still qualify if you are a:

1. Member of a socially disadvantaged group.
2. Limited Resource Farmer or
3. Beginning farmer (within 10 years)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A 2010 LFP (IF NECESSARY), THEN YOU MUST PURCHASE A 2010 PASTURE NAP POLICY BY DECEMBER 1, 2009.

NAP Coverage: Deadlines & Details

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available.

See back page for 2010 NAP coverage application deadlines for various crops in Siskiyou County.

Producers who already have coverage on 2009 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2010, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage

or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee.

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

Biomass Crop Assistance Program

The new Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) is of interest to biomass conversion facilities and those who own, chip and transport biomass material to these facilities.

Chippers and producers with conversion facilities contracts to prepare and deliver materials can apply for matching payments under the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) component of BCAP. Once an agreement is signed between FSA and a biomass conversion facility and funding is provided, the facilities can begin accepting materials under this program.

The matching CHST payments are paid at a rate of \$1 for \$1 per dry-ton equivalent received by a qualified biomass conversion facility, not to exceed \$45 per dry-ton equivalent. A biomass owner is eligible to receive payments for two years. The purpose of the matching payments is to assist biomass handlers with the CHST cost of delivering biomass to a qualified biomass conversion facility. Once a facility becomes qualified, eligible material owners or producers who deliver biomass to that facility may be eligible to receive CHST payments.

Eligible material owners or producers, who market eligible material to a qualified biomass conversion facility, may apply for the matching CHST payment at their FSA county office. An application must be submitted and approved before the eligible material is sold or delivered to a qualified biomass conversion facility.

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Farm Loan Programs

Dates to Remember	
12/01/2009	NAP-Last day to purchase a policy for - All crops except seed crops and tree fruit.
12/15/2009	NAP -Last day to purchase a policy for tree fruit
12/10/2009 01/30/2010	Last day to sign up for 2008 LFP (Livestock Forage Program) Last day to sign up for 2009 LFP
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Our loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

FSA loans are often provided to beginning farmers who cannot qualify for conventional loans because they have insufficient financial resources. FSA also helps established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters, or whose resources are too limited to maintain profitable farming operations.

To learn more about our loan programs, visit our website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=landing> or contact the office at (530) 842-6123

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