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NAP Acreage and Production Reporting Deadline: **March 31, 2011**

For any covered crop acreage for which an application for coverage is filed, a producer must keep acceptable contemporaneous records created at the time of planting and through the harvest of the crop for the full period of coverage. These records must include date and location, and according to crop type grouping on the unit, the amount of:

- acreage planted
- production appraised and harvested.

At the end of the crop year, all producers will be required to summarize acreage planted during the crop year and actual production (harvested and appraised) from those acres, **no later than March 31** of the subsequent crop year. If the report is for any annual or perennial crop where production continued or could have continued beyond the period covered in the reports, then an additional report of production shall be filed the later of:

- within 30 days of the end of the last countable production for the covered crop
- 30 days after the last date on which such production could have been obtained.

Note: For harvested production the producer must provide an explanation of disposition including where and when sold

NAP APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE DEADLINE FOR COMMERCIAL NURSERY OPERATIONS IS **MAY 1, 2011**

The USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces the availability of the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the 2012 crop year. NAP provides coverage in the event of a natural disaster for all crops not covered by traditional crop insurance. This includes fruits, vegetables, ornamental nurs-

ery, aquaculture and floriculture. A minimum administrative fee of \$250.00 per crop not to exceed \$750.00 per producer per county will be assessed. For more information contact Ilene Quitugua, Program Tech. at (671) 472-7547, Tom Camacho, County Executive Director at (671) 472-7568 or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/pb.

Application closing dates:

Ornamental Nursery is May 1, 2011
Value-Loss Crops* is September 1, 2011.
Fruit and Vegetables is December 1, 2011.
**Value Loss Crops include aquaculture, and floriculture.*

Applications may be picked up at USDA/FSA Guam County Office, located at 400 Route 8, Suite 306, Mongmong, Guam 96910 or online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

NAP Enrollment

To maintain eligibility for several FSA disaster assistance programs, producers must obtain crop insurance or NAP coverage before a disaster strikes. Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and applicable service fees must be paid by the closing date. Application closing dates vary by crop. Guam and CNMI County producers can contact the FSA Office for specific crop application sales closing dates at: 671-472-7547 or 670-236-0896.

Producers must obtain NAP or crop insurance coverage on all crops in order to remain eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs such as SURE, TAP, and ELAP. Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops. LFP requires coverage only on grazed acres.

NAP provides coverage to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters. Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not avail-

**NOTICE
TO HISPANIC
AND/OR
WOMEN
FARMERS OR
RANCHERS
COMPENSATION
FOR CLAIMS OF
DISCRIMINATION**

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

To register your name to receive a claims packet, call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or visit: www.farmerclaims.gov

The claims package will have detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.



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able, including fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turf grass and forage crops just to name a few.

More information about NAP may be found on the FSA web site located at www.fsa.usda.gov

FSA Payment Record

During the last week of January, producers who have received payments from FSA should have also received a CCC-1099-G from the Kansas City office. A CCC-1099-G is a report to the Internal Revenue Service about FSA payments made to producers during the previous calendar year. The CCC-1099-G is a service to help participating producers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the program participant's responsibility to report income to the IRS.

If you received a CCC-1099-G, we recommend you check the amounts shown with those in your records to see that the amounts are correct. Refunds will no longer be reported on the 1099-G, but will be available online from the FSA Financial Inquiries (FSA-FI) web-based database. Program participants with eAuthentication user ID's and passwords can access their refund information at FSA-FI and select "Inquiry Type 1099/Refund Reports". Refund amounts are displayed on the Producer's Year-to-Date Activity web page.

If you have a question concerning the 1099-G refund information, you may contact your nearest FSA office for assistance in locating the correct payment data. If you choose to visit the office, bring your CCC-1099-G with you.

Honey Loans

Honey loans are a type of marketing assistance loan. They are currently available until March 31, 2011. The national average loan rate for honey is \$0.69 per pound. Market prices currently exceed the loan rate, so LDPs are not available at this time.

To be eligible, the producer must produce honey in the United States during the calendar year for which the loan is requested, and extract the honey on or before Dec. 31 of the applicable crop year. Producers must also maintain continuous beneficial interest in the honey through date of repayment of the loan, and be responsible for the financial risk of the operation. Producers are responsible for maintaining the quality of farm-stored honey.

The containers must be marked with the

producer's name, type of honey, number of container and net weight. Pre-loan inspections are required before the loans can be disbursed.

Adjusted Gross Income

USDA and the Internal Revenue Service have an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent will be 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.

This to ensure that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to AGI rules must submit form CCC 927 (Individual) and/or CCC 928 (Legal Entity) to the Internal Revenue Service by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from FSA and NRCS offices or online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>.

Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having the trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct loans are currently available.

Direct farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained from FSA for a maximum of up to \$300,000.

To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff

Conservation Loan Program

The Conservation Loan (CL) Program provides farmers with the funds to implement conservation measures on their land. The available limit for a direct CL is \$300,000. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will work with applicants to develop a conservation plan containing approved conservation practices. Examples of some conservation practices are: water conservation struc-

tures, forest cover, permanent pastures, manure digesters and other installations. For more information on a potential Conservation Loan, call the local FSA office and make an appointment with a loan officer.

Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers

FSA sets aside targeted funding to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30% of the county's median size.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit www.fsa.usda.gov

Loans for Women & Minorities

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for Farm Service Agency loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for women and minorities. Eligible minority groups include American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders & Hispanics. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere. Both operating loans and loans for the purchase or improvement of farms or ranches are available under this targeted funding.

Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000. Many farm and even city families have found the Youth Loan Program an excellent means to introduce the next generation to the business of agriculture. Is there someone in your family who may qualify?



USDA Partner Programs (NRCS):

USDA Farm Services Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employees work closely to support delivery of USDA programs and services in the Marianas. Another USDA-NRCS program that works to assist private landowners and small businesses is the Marianas Resource Conservation and Development program or RC&D. For more information about the Marianas RC&D program contact: Mr. Mark Defley at 671.472.7447 or at mark.defley@pb.usda.gov.

Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)

A NRCS conservation plan is the first step for residents to identify resource problems on their farm or ranch or jungle. NRCS will review and document problems related to the soil, water, animal, plant, air and energy resources of the small farm, ranch or jungle. The new or established NRCS cooperator then selects from the various alternatives presented by NRCS to implement appropriate solutions the cooperator is ready, willing, and able to address. Call your USDA-NRCS Field Office contacts James Eller, District Conservationist, 670.236.0881 (CNMI) and Jocelyn Bamba, District Conservationist, 671.735.4108 (GUAHAN) to schedule a meeting to talk about your small farmer, ranch or jungle.

USDA-NRCS programs and services are open and available to all private or lease land owners or managers. NRCS programs are voluntary and available throughout the year. SIGN UP TODAY!!

NEW!! Westland Reserve Program (WRP) NEW!!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) is now accepting applications for the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) to be considered for the next ranking and funding period. WRP is a new program for the Mariana Islands. WRP applications will be accepted at any time. WRP provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands. WRP provides a payment to purchase a permanent or 30 year easement for a wetland or enter into a restoration cost share agreement. SIGN UP TODAY!! Local Field Office contacts are: James Eller, District Conservationist, 670.236.0881 CNMI

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Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) is accepting applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to be considered for the next ranking and funding period. Local Field Office contacts are: James Eller, District Conservationist, 670.236.0881 (CNMI) and Jocelyn Bamba, District Conservationist, 671.735.4108 (GUAHAN). All private landowners or operators who work on agricultural or forest land are encouraged to apply for this USDA-NRCS conservation program.

Applications are accepted throughout the year. The final application ranking deadline for FY2011 is May 4, 2011. EQIP programs help small farmers, ranchers and forest landowners address soil, water, animal, plant, air and energy problems. **SIGN UP TODAY!!**

Selected Interest Rates for March 2011

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| 90-Day Treasury Bill | 0.125% |
| Farm Operating - Direct | 2.500% |
| Farm Ownership - Direct | 4.875% |
| Conservation Loan | 4.875% |
| Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher | 1.500% |
| Emergency | 3.750% |

Dates to Remember

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| May 1, 2011 | NAP Signup Ends for Ornamental Nursery |
| September 1, 2011 | NAP Signup Ends for Value Loss Crops |
| December 1, 2011 | NAP Signup Ends for Fruits and Vegetables |

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