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Menominee, Dickinson, Iron County Newsletter

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ATTENTION
**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
ABOUT
PARTICIPATION IN
USDA FARM
PROGRAMS
ENCLOSED**

Signup Deadline for 2005 – 2007 Crop Disaster Program Ends Soon

The signup period for crop years 2005 through 2007 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) will end close of business Friday, February 27, 2009. The deadline applies to application for quantity and quality losses. There are no late-filed rules for this program. February 27, 2009 will be the last day for producers to file a completed application along with all supporting documentation to support the claimed crop loss. Contact the office with questions.

March 15 Deadline to Purchase NAP Policy on Spring Planted Crops

Keep in mind that March 15th is the deadline to purchase a Noninsured Assistance Program application (NAP) on spring planted crops. NAP policies are available on crops that cannot be covered by a crop insurance policy. The service fee for 2009 coverage is \$250.00 per crop, maximum \$750.00 per county and \$1875.00 per producer for all counties. Coverage is available on Spring planted crops of Cabbage, Spring Canola, Millet Green Peas & Oats (both forage and grain), Potatoes, Pumpkins, Sunflowers, Rye and Spring Wheat, just to name a few.

Farm Record Changes

Notify the County Office as soon as you drop or pick up new land to operate in 2009. A signed lease should be provided to verify that you have operational control of the land for 2009.

NAP Requirements

Producers are no longer required to obtain an insurance policy or NAP coverage for crops including pasture that have a value of \$9090.90 or less OR that contributed or are expected to contribute less than 5 percent of the total expected value of all crops grown to be eligible for SURE, ELAP or TAP.

Producers that do not have NAP Pasture policies would NOT be eligible for Livestock Feed Program (LFP).

Producers with NAP forage or Grazing policies are required to file their annual crop and acreage reports NO LATER THAN 15 CALENDAR DAYS before the onset of harvest or grazing.

Producers must notify the Office if forage intended for mechanical harvest is abandoned, destroyed or grazed OR intended for grazing and then hayed. Call with changes!!!

Producers with NAP policies must notify the office within 15 days following a disaster event that caused a loss or when the loss becomes apparent. Prevented planting due to a weather event is an eligible cause of loss.

Copies of the NAP Basic Provisions (NAP BP) are available in the Office.



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2008 Crop Loans Available

Loans and LDPS are available as follows: **March 31, 2009 on barley, canola, honey, oats and wheat, & May 31, 2009 on corn, dry peas & soybeans.** The interest rate for February loans is 1.375%.

Farm Storage Facility Loans Available

7 year fixed rate loans are available on grain storage structures. February's interest rate is 1.875%. Contact the office for details.

Kansas City Mails 1099-G

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 you 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 that 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. Contact the FSA office with questions.

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