



# Menominee Dickinson Iron County News

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County Committee meets  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month  
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Please call to confirm

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## NAP Coverage for 2011

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) offers coverage on crops that are not covered under a private Crop Insurance CAT policy when catastrophic production losses of 50% occur from a natural disaster/s. Prevented planting of an eligible crop is also covered. **September 30, 2010 is the deadline to obtain 2011 NAP coverage for small grains planted in the fall such as wheat, fall speltz and hay / forage crops. PEAS & OATS for forage even though it is planted in the spring have this September 30, 2010 sales closing date for coverage in 2011.**

Producers who already have coverage on 2010 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2011, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. 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 \$250 per crop service fee. Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports
- Keep track of harvested production
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.
- Do not destroy the evidence of crop loss until it is field checked by the Loss Adjustor and released

Call the office for more information.

## 2008 SURE Deadline Announced

Close of business Thursday, September 30, 2010 is the deadline for interested producers to file an application for 2008 SURE program benefits. There are no provisions for late-filed applications. Applications not filed by 9/30/2010 will not receive a payment because of the lack of funding. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, or NAP coverage except for grazed acreage. Crop insurance or NAP coverage is not required for crops that are not of economic significance for the operation. Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

### UPCOMING DEADLINES

Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Sept.1, 2010	NAP Christmas Tree Deadline for 2011 Coverage
Sept.5, 2010	Offices closed for the observance of Labor Day
Sept 23, 2010	Final date for asparagus producers to apply for TAA for Farmers
Sept 30, 2010	NAP Forage Deadline for 2011 Coverage
Sept 30, 2010	Final date to apply for 2008 SURE

### **Tree Assistance Program**

TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees that were lost by natural disasters occurring on or after 1/1/2008 and before 10/01/2011. Losses from 5/8/2010 and forward must be submitted within 90 days of the disaster event or when the loss is apparent.

### **Maintenance of DCP/ACRE Program Acres**

DCP participants are required to protect all idle contract acres from erosion and weeds. Idle fields designated as "contract acres" must have a sod cover, crop residue, or volunteer grasses. Weeds are not an acceptable cover and must be mowed. Failure to control weeds on contract acres will cost you program benefits if the COC determines the producer failed to demonstrate a good faith effort to control weeds and/or erosion.

### **FSA Farm Loans**

FSA is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available. FSA makes loans to rural youth to establish and operate income producing projects in connection with 4H Clubs, FFA or other ag groups. The maximum loan amount is \$5000. FSA also assists beginning farmers and members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance their ag enterprises.

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