

March 2014



## Coos-Carroll County FSA Updates

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**Next County Committee Meeting: April 3, 2014, 11:00 AM**

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### NAP Purchase Deadline - Annual Spring Seeded Crops

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is a federally funded program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and crops for livestock feed. Benefits are only available for crops for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. NAP is a voluntary program that reduces risk of financial loss when natural disasters cause losses or prevented planting of an eligible crop or agricultural commodity. An eligible natural disaster may include:

- Damaging weather, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes;
- An adverse natural occurrence, such as: earthquake or flood;
- A condition related to damaging weather or an adverse natural occurrence, such as: excessive heat, plant disease, insect infestation; or
- Any combination of these conditions.

The natural disaster must occur during the coverage period, before or during harvest and must directly affect the eligible crop.

To participate in NAP producers pay an annual service fee of \$250 per crop per county or a maximum of \$750 per producer per county per crop year. The fee for multi-county producers cannot exceed \$1875 per crop year. Limited resource producers may request a waiver of service fees.

Eligibility for NAP coverage is based on a proven history of crop production or on an expected yield for the county. Each unit has an actual production history (APH). A loss greater than 50 percent of the established APH will be covered. Payments are made at 55% of the average market price for the

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crop. The average market price is set by the NH State FSA Committee.

NAP application closing dates are:

September 1 – Fall Seeded Garlic, Ornamental Nursery, Christmas Trees, Floriculture

September 30 – All Forage Crops

November 20 – Perennial Crops (including blueberries, strawberries, cherries, etc.)

December 1 – Maple Sap and Honey

**March 15 – Annual Spring Seeded Crops**

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## Emergency Loan Assistance Available

On August 2, 2013, a Presidential disaster declaration for Coos, Carroll, Belknap, Merrimack, Hillsborough, Cheshire, Sullivan, and Grafton Counties was declared due to severe storms, flooding, and landslides occurring between June 26 and July 3, 2013. Under this emergency designation, producers, operating a farm in one or more of the counties covered, who suffered losses directly tied to the adverse weather conditions, are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans through the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) until April 2, 2014.

On November 20, 2013, all of the counties along the Connecticut River were declared a disaster area due to excessive rain and flooding that started on May 5, 2013 and continued throughout the summer and fall of 2013. Under this Secretarial emergency designation, producers who were operating a farm in Coos, Grafton, Sullivan, and Cheshire Counties who suffered losses directly tied to the adverse weather conditions are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans available through FSA. The deadline for filing an application under this designation is July 21, 2014.

Emergency loans help farmers recover from both production and physical losses due to flooding, drought, and other natural disasters. Farmers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance.

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## Attention Farm Loan Borrowers

There is a new state statute requiring the name of on your photo identification (e.g., driver's license) match with the name used to file a Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). This UCC is put in place when you request a loan from FSA and renewed every 5 years. The UCC is a blanket lien taken against your chattels, equipment, etc. that you may have pledged for security.

The NH FSA Farm Loan Office is requesting that all borrowers send a copy of your photo identification to their office in Concord. Please mail a copy to: USDA/FSA, 10 Ferry St., Concord, NH 03301.

If it is more convenient, you may stop by your local Farm Service Agency County Office. County Office Staff can copy your license and send directly to the Concord Office for you. You could also either fax a copy of your license to: 603-223-6030 OR scan and email a copy of your license to [sandra.carter@nh.usda.gov](mailto:sandra.carter@nh.usda.gov)

**Please submit a copy of your license to the NH Farm Loan Office no later than March 31, 2014.**

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## Interest Rates

### Selected Interest Rates for March 2014

Farm Operating Loans - Direct including Microloans 2.25%  
Farm Ownership Loans - Direct 4.25%  
Farm Ownership Loans - Direct, Joint Financing 2.50%  
Farm Ownership Loans - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher 1.50 %  
Emergency Loans 3.25%  
Farm Storage Facility Loans (7 Years) 2.125%  
Conversation Loan 4.25%

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## Dates to Remember

Mar 15 - NAP sign-up deadline - Annual Spring Seeded Crops  
April 3 - County Committee Meeting 11:00 AM

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