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NAP deadline for Annual Spring Seeded Crops

Do you have one or more crops that are economically important to your farm?

Producers have until March 15, 2014, to purchase coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for annual spring seeded crops.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers when low yields or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

Producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the March 15th deadline. The service fee is \$250 per crop. If multiple crops are covered, the maximum fee per county is \$750, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Limited resource farmers may request a waiver of the service fee at the time the application for coverage is filed. For example:

- In each of the last two years, was your gross farm sales less than or equal to \$176,800?

Lorna Wakefield
William Wilson

- And, was your total household income in those two years less than \$40,236 (Rockingham County) or \$29,279 (Strafford County)?

County Committee Meeting: March 10, 2014
@12:30 PM

If you can answer yes to both questions, you may request a waiver of the service fee.

Please contact the office for more information.

County Committee Election Results

County committee elections are over, the ballots are counted and the results are in...

Congratulations to Mary Current of Milton, Dan Hicks of Londonderry and Bob Dabrowski of Candia. Mary Current was re-elected to represent LAA 1 which includes New Durham, Middleton, Milton, Farmington and Rochester. Dan Hicks was elected to represent LAA 4 which includes Candia, Raymond, Epping, Auburn, Chester, Fremont, Londonderry, Derry, Sandown, Danville, Kingston, Windham, Salem, Atkinson, Hampstead, Plaistow, Newton and South Hampton. Bob Dabrowski of Candia will serve as the alternate in LAA 4.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

The county committee will meet on Monday, March 10, 2014 for an organizational meeting to select a chairperson and vice-chairperson and to determine meeting dates for the coming year.

2014 Acreage Reporting Dates

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Rockingham-Strafford County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report.

May 31, 2014: Ornamental nursery

July 15, 2014 Sweet corn, spring forage seeding, annual crops, and all other crops not listed

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Selected Interest Rates for March

Farm Operating Loans, Direct including Microloans 2.25%
Farm Ownership Loans, Direct 4.25%
Farm Ownership Loans, Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher 2.50%
Emergency Loans 3.25%
Farm Storage Facility Loans, 7 yrs., 2.125%

Dates to Remember

March 10 - County Committee Meeting
March 15 - NAP Application Due for Spring Seeded Crops

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