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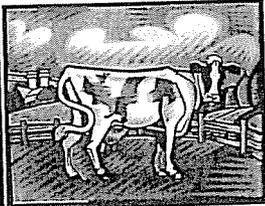
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COC meets 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday of each month  
at 10:00 am

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# FSA UPDATES

June 2008

## Crop Acreage Reporting

Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of FSA programs. **ALL** cropland, whether idle or planted, on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the following programs:

- o Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP)
- o LDP's for corn, oats, soybeans, wool, mohair, unshorn pelts & honey
- o Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- o Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
- o Non-Insured Assistance (NAP)



**Please keep track of planting dates as we are required to enter this data into the system.**  
Producers are required to file reports by **June 30th** for **small grains** and **July 15<sup>th</sup>** for **all other crops**.

## Prevented Planting:

Prevented planting needs be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

## Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

**REMINDER:** Producers that had a mixed forage policy on their 2007 crop need to report their total production by July 15, 2008.

## Things to keep in mind before construction . . .

▲ Construction of New Farm Structures - construction of new farm structures, specifically buildings and other farm related structures that disturb one or more acres of land must obtain authorization from the ANR before commencing with land disturbance or construction activities. Approval will be issued by ANR upon receipt of Notice of Intent (NOI) which certifies that adequate measures for the control of erosion and sedimentation will be used during land disturbance and construction efforts. Persons needing additional information about the Construction General Permit/NOI concerning one or more acres of land disturbance are advised to contract the Department of Environmental Conservation at 802-241-3770 or visit the web site at [www.anr.state.us/dec/permits.htm](http://www.anr.state.us/dec/permits.htm).

▲ Land disturbance for construction less than one acre, farmers should consult their town zoning board to determine if a permit is required, and what set back requirements are required for the town, before starting a project.

▲ Installation, replacement or change in a water or waste system in a farm operation may require a permit from ANR Wastewater Management Division. [www.vtwaterquality.org/stormwater.htm](http://www.vtwaterquality.org/stormwater.htm). Farmers should also consult with their town zoning board to determine what is required by the Town.

## Crop Disaster Program Updates

The signup deadline for the *Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)* is July 18, 2008. This program reimburses livestock owners for pasture loss and/or increased feed expenses suffered from May 15, 2006 through May 14, 2007. Eligible livestock includes sheep, goats, beef, dairy, beefalo and others. The animals do not have to be on pasture to qualify; confinement operations are eligible to apply.

The *Crop Disaster Program (CDP)* is open to all producers who carried crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage during the years 2005, 2006, or 2007. CDP benefits cover eligible quantity and quality losses to crops suffered as a result of adverse weather conditions. Benefits are currently being issued for quantity losses, while the quality loss component of the CDP will be opened at a future date. There is no announced end for signup.

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### Resource Guide for New Farmers

There is a great resource guide available on the web entitled "RESOURCE GUIDE FOR VERMONT'S NEW AND ASPIRING FARMERS". The guide contains info on FSA, NRCS, NOFA, UVM Extension, Women's Agricultural Network and many more. The guide also contains articles on Access to Capital, Production Knowledge, Skills and Technical Assistance, farm land, and markets and marketing. The web site is: <http://www.vermontagriculture.com/agdev/newfarm.htm>

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### Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers

FSA has 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 that 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 percent of the county's average size.

Each member of an entity must meet the eligibility requirements. Loan approval is not guaranteed.

For additional program information, loan applications, and other materials contact George Button Jr. at 1-800-789-6713 or 802-295-7942.

### Dates to Remember

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| June 30 | Deadline to file acreage report for small grains   |
| July 15 | Deadline to file acreage reports for all other crops                                       |
|         | Deadline for producers with a 2007 NAP policy to report their 2007 mixed forage production |
| July 18 | Livestock Compensation Program   |
|         | Crop Disaster Program - quantity sign-up   |
| Ongoing | Farm Storage Facility Loans  |