



Sheridan - Johnson AUGUST 2011

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

December 1, 2011 is the application deadline for the 2012 Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program. NAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by crop losses due to natural disasters. FSA's NAP coverage is for non insurable crops not covered by RMA. The application service fee for NAP is \$250.00 per crop per county, with a county maximum of \$750.00. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$1,875.00 per producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

REPORTING CROP LOSSES FOR NAP

If you have a loss on a covered NAP crop and wish to receive loss benefits from our office, you must file a notice of loss within 15 days of the earlier: 1) date of the disaster event that caused the loss or, 2) when the loss is apparent to you. A notice of loss must be filed for each weather-related event or adverse natural occurrence that causes damage to or loss of the specific crop. Failure to report crop damage or loss in a timely manner will result in ineligibility for Non-Insured Assistance Program payments.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

Sheridan County and Johnson County have been approved for the USDA Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) for producers who suffered damages to agricultural land and associated eligible structures during the heavy rain and flooding in May. Eligible items include: Removing Debris from Farmland; Grading, Shaping, Re-leveling, or similar measures on Cropland; Restoring Permanent Fences; Restoring Conservation Structures and Other Installations (such as dams, pipelines, irrigation ditches, and head-gates). Producers may be eligible for assistance if the damage:

- Will be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use.
- Is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area.
- Affects the productive capacity of the farmland
- Will impair or endanger the land.

Application signup for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) will be **Monday, August 15, 2011 through September 13, 2011.**

No funds are currently available for Sheridan and Johnson Counties. If funds become available, applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the FSA County Committee.

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Dates to Remember:

August 15 – September 13th – Signup for ECP

September 1, 2011 – 2010 ACRE Certification Deadline

September 5, 2011– Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed

Oct. 10, 2011 – Columbus Day Holiday – Office Closed

December 1, 2011 – 2012 NAP Signup Deadline

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2010 ACRE Certification Deadline Extended

The deadline for a 2010 production certification to comply with the ACRE provisions for production reports has been extended to the Close of Business (COB) on **September 1, 2011**. Because of this extension, using a register on Sept. 1, 2011, is **not** authorized.

The extension is for completing both the farm benchmark yield (2005 through 2009) and the actual farm yield (2010). For more details contact the local FSA office.

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Hispanic and Women Farmers

A process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who believe they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans has been established.

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

For additional information on this and other settlement issues contact:

- **Hispanic and Women Farmer**

Claims Process, please visit:

www.farmerclaims.gov or call 1-888-508-4429

- **Pigford – The Black Farmers**

Discrimination Litigation, please visit: www.blackfarmercase.com or call 1-866-950-5547

- **Keepseagle - The Native**

American Farmers Class Action Settlement please visit: www.IndianFarmClass.com or call 1-888-233-5506