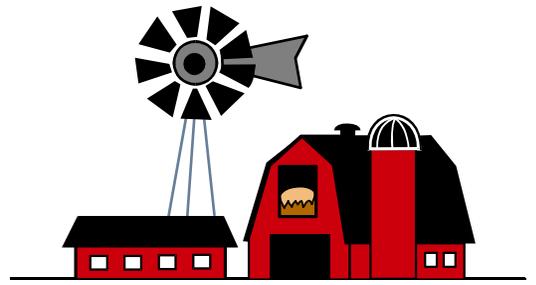




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REGULAR MEETING DATE SECOND TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH, 9:00 A.M.

November 2009

2010 NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

For 2010 the NAP fee is \$250 per crop not to exceed \$750 per county.

Deadlines to purchase NAP coverage for 2010:

December 1, 2009 - small grains for grazing or forage (hay) - this includes wheat, barley and triticale, alfalfa, oats forage (hay), and grass for grazing or forage.

March 15, 2010 - forage sorghum cane for grazing or forage, or other spring planted crops.

Remember you must have NAP coverage on all non-insurable crops of economic significance you have in order to be eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) included in the Farm Bill.

NAP crop production must be reported to FSA if you have a policy, even if you do not file a notice of loss.

Now would be a good time to report your production. **Accurate and detailed crop production records are a must, and need to be kept for the current year and the prior 3 years.**

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

SURE covers crop production losses due to an eligible disaster event.

To be eligible for these programs, producers must have crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for all non-insurable crops of economic significance they produce. A crop of economic significance would be one which is expected to have a value of at least five percent of a farms total crop value from all crops. A farm is defined as the sum of all crop acreage in all counties that a producer has an interest in.

To qualify for SURE the county must have a Secretarial Disaster Designation (or be contiguous to a county that does) or a producer will qualify if there is greater than 50% production losses on their farm.

SURE Program payments will be issued to an eligible producer in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the disaster assistance program guarantee and total farm revenue.

A signup will be held later this fall for 2008 crop losses; the date has not yet been announced. Phillips County is eligible because we are contiguous to counties that received a Secretarial Disaster Designation for crop year 2008.

2010 Farm Program Options

DCP, Direct and Counter Cyclical Program, or ACRE, Average Crop Revenue Election Program

Signup has begun for DCP and ACRE and will continue through June 1, 2010. Advance direct payments of 22% may be requested for any month December 2009 through September 2010.

DCP will continue as in the past with guaranteed direct payments and possible counter cyclical payments calculated on a farm's base acres.

ACRE will have counter cyclical type payments calculated on actual planted acres, direct payments will be reduced by 20%, and marketing assistance loan rates will be reduced by 30%. Production reporting is required for this program.

Producers may come in now to sign up for 2010 DCP or ACRE and report planted wheat acres.

PREVENTED PLANTING

Prevented planting credit is available on acreage that has a valid claim filed, and may be a potential benefit under the SURE and ACRE programs.

Prevented planting is the inability to plant the intended crop acreage with proper equipment by the final planting date for the crop type because of a natural disaster, such as excessive moisture, floods, insufficient soil moisture for germination, and other possible disasters.

Acreage ineligible for prevented planting credit includes, but is not limited to, acreage:

- Not planted because of a management decision:
 - Failure to plant when other producers in the area were planting will result in the denial of the prevented planting claim.
- That had a previous or subsequent crop planted; therefore, harvest delays are not a valid prevented planting reason for the following crop.

Producers who request prevented planting acreage credit must report the acreage and complete the proper claim form within 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Late-filed claims may be accepted under certain circumstances. The final planting date in Phillips County for: **wheat is October 20**, corn is June 10, grain sorghum and soybeans in June 25. Contact the county office for other crop dates.

Producers must establish intent of planting the crop by providing documentation on items such as seed, fertilizer, chemical purchases and acreage preparation. A field inspection by FSA personnel is also required to verify the disaster condition.

REPORT FSA FARM RECORD CHANGES

Report record changes such as the sale of any acreage, operator change (for either fall or spring crops), estate or other entity formation or dissolution now. All changes must be reported to the county office within 30 days of the change. Failure to report changes may cause the loss of program benefits.

County Committee Election

Ballots will be mailed to producers in LAA-1, for the COC election, which consists of Long Island, Granite, Prairie View, Dayton, Beaver, Mound, Logan, and Towanda townships.

Nominees for this year's election are Warren Kelly.

Vote for the person of your choice and return your ballot. The County Committee is an important part of the county FSA operation and represents Phillips County on numerous issues dealing with the programs FSA administers.

Foreign Investors 90 Day Reporting Rule

Foreign investors acquiring or transferring any interest in agricultural land exceeding 10 acres are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days. Failure to disclose this interest can result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the land's market value.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS AVAILABLE

Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to build new commodity storage structures for grain, silage, or hay storage. Upgrades to existing facilities may be available in certain instances. Call or visit the office for loan details and requirements.

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