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ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

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2005, 2006, 2007 Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

Beginning October 15, 2007 producers can sign up for the 2005, 2006, 2007 Crop Disaster Program at their local FSA office. Complete program provisions will be forthcoming. Basic features of the program are as follows:

- Provides benefits for quality and quantity losses.
- Covers natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006 and for 2007 crops if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or in the case of prevented planting would have been planted before February 28, 2007.
- Producers must choose only 1 year to review benefits if losses occurred in more than 1 year.
- Multiple crops may be covered provided the loss is in the same year.
- Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.
- Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.
- The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price.

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- The payment quantity for quality losses will be equal to the lesser of: (1) the actual production of the crop affected by a quality loss; or (2) the quantity of expected production of the crop affected by a quality loss.
- The quality loss must be at least 25 percent of the value that all affected production of the crop would have had if the crop had not suffered a quality loss.
- Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of the total value of the crop absent the disaster.
- Farmers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in CDP benefits.
- Producers eligible for CDP can also receive benefits under LIP.
- Producers will be able to enroll in CDP at their local FSA Service Center.

e-Forms

Producers with Internet access can fill out and print a variety of FSA paper forms at home.

Producers are encouraged to register for secure electronic access that will allow you to e-file (electronically sign and transmit) some forms directly to the county office staff.

To sign and transmit forms electronically, you must sign up and get a user name and password. To sign up in person, visit the county office and complete form AD-2016. The staff will verify your identity and enter your information into the system. You will receive a letter with your temporary ID. You will be sent a second letter with your temporary password and instructions on how to activate your account. You then go to the Activation Web site and select a permanent ID and password.

Submitting an e-Form is convenient. You can access information anytime day or night seven days a week. It's also faster. Forms and applications can be submitted and received in the county office in a matter of minutes, not days or weeks.

Grain Bags Not Eligible Storage for 2007 Nonrecourse Marketing Assistance Loans

Grain bags are long, sealed, oxygen-limiting, polyethylene bags that come in sizes capable of storing 8,000 to 10,000 bushels of corn per bag. Grain bags are being utilized in Arkansas for temporary storage of corn and other grains, due to anticipated shortages of storage facilities because of increases in production and a relatively short harvest period. Arkansas State FSA Committee has determined that grain bags are **not** considered eligible farm storage for 9-month nonrecourse marketing assistance loans.

USDA Polls Cotton Industry on Cotton Program Referendum

Beginning September 4, 2007 until November 30, 2007, eligible cotton producers can sign up to request a referendum regarding continuation of the 1990 amendment to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act.

To request a continuous referendum, contact your local FSA office to obtain the proper sign up information. Producers completing the sign up forms must also submit a sales document for 2006 cotton.

No action is necessary if a continuous referendum is not desired.

Program Deadlines

2008 NAP Application Closing Dates

Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Ginseng Root, Ornamental Nursery, Turfgrass Sod	September 1, 2007
Oats and Wheat for Grain, For Grazing and Forage -- Barley – Spring, Fall, Oats-Spring, Fall, Rye, Wheat	September 30, 2007
Apples – Fresh, Processed, Blueberries, Caneberries (blackberries and raspberries), Figs, Grapes, Peaches fresh, processed, Pears	November 20, 2007

2008 NAP Acreage Reporting Dates

Beans, Peas, Potatoes, Squash, Tomatoes	September 1, 2007
Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Ginseng Root, Ornamental Nursery, and Turfgrass Sod, Nursery (field grown and container), Cabbage	September 30, 2007
Greens, All Varieties	November 1, 2007
