



## “SCOOP”

### ARKANSAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY - - STATE OFFICE

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#### 2008 FARM BILL DEADLINES APPROACH

##### **September 16, 2008 – 2008 CROP BUY-IN to the Risk Management Requirement**

September 16, 2008, is the final date to BUY-IN in the Risk Management Purchase Requirement for all 2008 crops. Either multi-peril Federal Crop Insurance or Non-Insured Disaster Assistance (NAP) coverage is required on all crops in order to be eligible for benefits for the *Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program, Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (EALHF)*. NAP is required on grazing losses to be eligible for the *Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)*. BUY-IN is a special provision being offered for 2008 crops only because the sales closing date for all crops in Arkansas closed before the enactment of the new farm bill. A full article can be found in the July Special Edition SCOOP found

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=ar&area=home&subject=nele&topic=landing> .

##### **September 30, 2008 – 2008 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) Program**

September 30, 2008, is the final date to enroll a farm in the **2008 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) Program**. Statutory rules will NOT allow an extension of the deadline. A register CANNOT be used as FSA has done with other programs. **All farms must have an initiated contract by at least one producer or owner by close of business September 30, 2008.** Any remaining producer(s) signature or owner(s) signature who will share in the contract must have their signatures returned by close of business October 15, 2008. DCP Program provisions can be found in the July, and June Special Edition SCOOP found at

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**2009 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)  
Application Closing Dates**

**December 1, 2008 is the 2009 NAP application closing date for:** – *Apples, Peaches, Grapes, Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Ginseng Root, Ornamental Nursery, Turf Grass Sod, Oats, Wheat, Barley, Rye, Apples, Asparagus, Blueberries, Caneberries(Blackberries & Raspberries), Figs, Grapes, Peaches, Pears, Honey, Alfalfa, Bahia, Bermuda Coastal, Bermuda Common, Bermuda Hybrid, Bluestem Old World, Fescue Red, Fescue Tall, Lovegrass, Mixed Forage Grasses, Native Interseeded Grasses, Orchard Grass, Ryegrass, Small Grain/Interseeded Grasses, and Sudangrass,* – Either multi-peril Federal Crop Insurance or Non-Insured Disaster Assistance (NAP) coverage is required on all crops in order to be eligible for benefits for the *Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program, Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (EALHF).* NAP is required on grazing losses to be eligible for the *Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP).* The coverage is required on all crops grown in all counties. If RMA insurance is available producers must timely purchase RMA coverage, if RMA insurance is not available, then the producer must purchase NAP Coverage. A full article can be found in the July Special Edition SCOOP found at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=ar&area=home&subject=nele&topic=landing> .

**FSA DISASTER PROGRAMS  
REQUIRE FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE  
AND DEADLINES APPROACH**

With the enactments of the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act), Pub L. 110-246, contains NEW emergency disaster programs for which producers will be required to purchase multi-peril Federal Crop Insurance on all crops grow, if available before the crops' sales closing date. ***The deadline to obtain Federal Crop Insurance Coverage is quickly approaching on some crops, and producers need to report immediately to their agent of choice to obtain coverage. FCIC Sales Closing Dates: Wheat and Oats – 09/30/2008, Peaches, Grapes, and Apples – 11/20/2008.*** More information on the new disaster programs and insurance requirements can be found in the July Special Edition SCOOP <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=ar&area=home&subject=nele&topic=landing> .

**NEW CROP ACREAGE REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

To earn benefits under the *2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program, Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (EALHF)* ***producers are required to report all crops in all counties in which they have an interest, including crops on non-cropland.*** Acreage reports taken late for this purpose will not be subject to a late payment fee, and physical evidence in the field is not required. Producers reporting late for this purpose will be required to prove the existence of the crop and disposition of the crops. For example seed receipts and production tickets could be provided.