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CROP DISASTER PROGRAM 2005-2007 SIGN UP

Sign up is now under way for farmers who suffered losses to their 2005-2007 crops from natural disasters and related conditions.

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year for which to receive benefits. They may receive benefits for multiple crop losses if all were in the same crop year.

ELIGIBILITY

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.

Participants must have been in compliance with Highly Erodible compliance with highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation provisions for the applicable crop year.

ELIGIBLE DAMAGING CONDITIONS

A producer may be eligible for CDP if the crop losses resulted from any of the following:

- * damaging weather, such as drought, excessive moisture, hail, freeze, hurricane.
- * an adverse natural occurrence, such as a flood; or
- * a condition related to damaging weather or an adverse natural occurrence, such as excessive wind, excessive heat, disease or insect infestation.

To qualify, your loss must have been more than 35% of the expected production of the crop.

Information on QUALITY LOSS will be available soon. Contact this office for more information.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM 2005-2007 SIGN UP UNDER WAY

Livestock Indemnity Program 2005-2007 (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters that occurred between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2007. To be eligible for LIP, an owner or contract grower's livestock must have been located in a county or contiguous county designated a natural CONT'D.....

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...disaster by the president or declared by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2007.

If you owned livestock that died during the period stated above and their death was caused as a direct result of the designated disaster condition, such as a flood or excessive heat, you may be eligible for compensation under this program.

NAP APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 15th is the deadline date for producer to apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or NAP coverage, using Form CCC-471. The application and service fee must be filed by the applicable closing date for each of the 2008 spring seeded NAP crops. To remain eligible for NAP, a producer must annually report the crop, including: type, variety, location, producer shares, date planted, and the intended use. Please contact this office for more information.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM – SIGN UP

The Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP) provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007.

In order to be eligible for this program, you must farm in a county that has been declared a secretarial or presidential disaster area between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007. You must have suffered a feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a direct result of the declared disaster event. Farmers in both Litchfield and Fairfield counties are eligible for this program. Call this office for more information.

BEWARE OF CROP INSURANCE REBATING SCHEMES

With the spring sales closing date for many Federal crop insurance policies right around the corner, crop insurance agents have stepped up their marketing efforts. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received reports from producers and agents that some aggressive marketers have been approaching producers with rebate offers. These schemes promise lower insurance premiums, refunds, dividends, or items of value tied to crop insurance purchases. Most of these activities are illegal.

Producers and agents can report suspicions of illegal rebating to the OIG Hotline: 1-800-424-9121.

