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REPORT SMALL GRAIN BY MAY 15

Acreages of wheat, barley, oats, rye, and any other small grain for any use must be reported no later than May 15, 2008. Spring planted crops and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage must be reported no later than June 30. Crops planted after June 30 must be reported no later than 15 days after planting. **Crop reports must now include planting date. For NAP purposes, crops planted and harvested prior to June 30 must be reported 15 days prior to harvest. Remember the minimum charge for late-filed crop reports is \$46.00, per farm number!**

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP) SIGN UP NOW UNDERWAY

Producers can now enroll in the LCP. Report the number of livestock you owned on **January 1, 2007**. The following are the established payment rates for livestock: adult beef cattle - \$10.66 per head, non adult beef and dairy cattle 500 lbs or more - \$8.00, dairy cattle - 27.72 per head. Goats and sheep pay \$2.67 per head. If we do not have an acreage report including your pasture in 2007, this also must be reported. No sign up deadline has been established. Visit our office to enroll.

REPORT CROP LOSSES TIMELY

If you have a crop loss, and are enrolled in the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you have 15 days from the time you are aware of the loss to file a Notice of Loss in our office. The Notice of Loss can not be filed by telephone. Visit our office to complete the Notice of Loss.

If you plant and harvest a NAP crop before June 30, you are required to file an acreage report 15 days prior to harvest of the crop. Hand harvested crops must be appraised after harvest is complete to account for any unharvested marketable production. Failure to follow these procedures could jeopardize your chance to receive a crop loss payment.

We encourage all minority and socially disadvantaged producers to contact this office for program opportunities. We are reaching out to you!!!

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ALL FSA PROGRAMS HAVE PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

USDA payments and benefits are subject to producer eligibility and limitation provisions as defined by law. It is the producer's responsibility to report changes in the farming operation which may affect payment eligibility and payment limitation. Failure to do so can result ineligibility for payments for all years affected.

The following payments apply to DCP for each contract year through both direct and counter-cyclical payments. For all covered commodities, except peanuts: \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for counter-cyclical payments.. The Conservation Reserve Programs annual limit is \$50,000 per person. Marketing loan gains payment limit of \$75,000 per person. Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) - \$100,000 per person.

Entities such as corporations, limited partnerships, trusts and estates are required to provide names, addresses, and ID numbers of their members.

DO NOT MOW CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) ACREAGE FROM APRIL 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15

In order not to jeopardize your CRP annual payments, do not disturb CRP cover vegetation by mowing or burning during the primary bird nesting period from April 15 through September 15. Call us if you have questions about this.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **Report small grain by the May 15 deadline. Report spring planted crops by June 30, 2008**
- ❖ **We can now accept signed forms by FAX without prior signature documentation**
- ❖ **Please Report farm Operation and Ownership changes to us.**
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