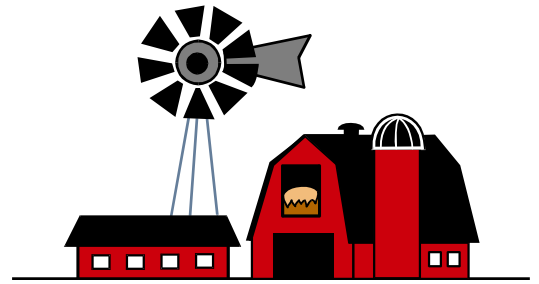




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## PHILLIPS COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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August 2008

## Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance Programs

The new Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) includes the following Disaster Assistance Programs:

- 1 - Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP).
- 2 - Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP).
- 3 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).
- 4 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE).
- 5 - Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

SURE will cover crop production losses, LFP will cover grazing loss, and LIP will cover livestock death loss due to an eligible disaster.

To be eligible for these programs, producers must purchase at least catastrophic risk protection (CAT) level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for all non-insurable crops they produce. All crops in Phillips County can be covered by either insurance or NAP (including all forage crops such as small grass areas or waterways for hay).

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 ("farm" means the sum of all crop acreage in all counties that is planted or intended to be planted for harvest by the eligible producer).

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.

For the 2008 crop year only, producers who did not obtain at least CAT level crop insurance or NAP, can "buy-in" to be eligible to participate in the applicable Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance programs by paying the administrative fee at their administrative county FSA office by the deadline date of **September 16, 2008**. The buy-in fees do not provide any CAT crop insurance coverage or NAP coverage but do allow producers to gain eligibility to participate in the applicable Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance programs.

### 2008 Buy-in Fees for CAT and NAP Covered

#### Crops

- \$100 per crop, but not more than \$300 per producer per county, or \$900 total per producer, for all counties, less any previously paid fees for CAT and/or NAP.

For 2009 crop insurance coverage and NAP coverage must be purchased by the applicable crop deadlines in order to be eligible for these Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance Programs.



## **2009 NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)**

**For 2009 the NAP fee has increased to \$250 per crop not to exceed \$750 per county.**

### **Deadlines to purchase NAP coverage for 2009**

**December 1, 2008** for 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, 2009** for forage sorghum cane for grazing or forage.

Remember you must have NAP coverage on all non-insurable crops you have in order to be eligible for the Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance Programs included in the new Farm Bill.

Your crop production must be reported to FSA even if you do not file a notice of loss. Now would be a good time to report your oats, wheat, triticale, or brome hay production. **Accurate and detailed crop production records are a must, and need to be kept for the current year and the prior 3 years.**

### **Acreage Reports**

**August 15, 2008 - final date** for acreage reports for corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, forage sorghum, and other spring planted crops.

Stop in now to report your acres. Planting dates are needed to complete an acreage report.

Complete acreage reports are required to earn most program benefits.

**Late filed acreage reports require a fee of \$46 per farm.**

### **2008 Farm Program Signup** **DCP, Direct and Counter** **Cyclical Program**

The deadline to sign up is **September 30, 2008**; all signatures must be returned to the FSA office by this date. We will be taking signup for DCP at the same time you report your acreage.

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