

FSA HIGHLIGHTS

Farm Service Agency

SURE Resources Available Online

If you are a producer who is looking for more information on the SURE program, there is a new website available to help. Simply go to www.fsa.usda.gov. Once there, enter the word SURE in the search box, or click through the slides along the top of the screen. Once Disaster Assistance appears, click on that picture.

From the Disaster Assistance page, either click on the SURE picture or the SURE link listed under related topics. Once on the SURE page you will be able to access the SURE Fact Sheet, SURE Producer Calculator, SURE maps, and other related information.

The sure Produce Calculator is especially useful. It is a new tool developed to help give producers an idea about whether or not they will qualify for a SURE payment. This tool does not replace a visit to your local FSA office where they can run the SURE calculations for you, but it does give you somewhat of an idea of what to expect from the program.

As always if you do have additional SURE questions that the site can not address for you, please visit your local FSA Office.

New Payment Eligibility Forms

In order for producers to remain eligible for FSA payments, a new form must be completed and submitted to the IRS. This applies to 2009 program payments already received and for 2010 payments.

All Individuals and/or Entities at any level must complete either form CCC-927 (for individuals) or CCC-928 (for entities) when they are completing an AGI-926 Adjusted Gross Income statement. Forms can be obtained from your local FSA or NRCS office and must be received by the IRS no later than June 15, 2010.

Closing Dates for NAP

This is a reminder that the closing dates for eligible Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops are approaching. February 15th is the closing date for early spring vegetables with a crop reporting date of March 15th. This includes but is not limited to asparagus, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, greens, horseradish, kale, lettuce, onions, peas, radishes.

This is a brief summary of some programs. To learn more about FSA programs and to obtain all the details regarding the programs mentioned, please visit your local FSA office or visit online at: www.fsa.usda.gov

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