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MARCH 17 IS THE APPLICATION CLOSING DATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MADISON -- Wisconsin producers are reminded that March 17 is the application closing date to sign up for the Non-Insured Assistance Program coverage on most spring-seeded crops.

"Producers interested in obtaining NAP on their 2008 spring-seeded non-insurable crop acreage should visit their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible to complete an application for 2008 acres," said Ben Brancel, State Executive Director.

This deadline date also applies to persons who have a policy that expires on March 17 and want to renew coverage for 2008.

NAP coverage is available for crops only where insurance coverage is not available under Federal Crop Insurance policies provided by private insurance agents.

NAP is designed to cover losses due to damaging weather conditions. The program covers losses of more than 50 percent of normal yields or the farm's yield calculated using actual production histories. Payments for production lost in excess of 50 percent are paid at 55 percent of the values established for the crop.

The cost per policy is \$100 per crop per producer with a \$300 cap per county. NAP coverage begins 30 days after the application is filed and the \$100 administrative fee has been paid. The \$100 administrative fee is non refundable.

"Producers who now have NAP coverage or who are interested in coverage need to keep an accurate records of their production, report acreage of the crops to FSA annually, and promptly notify FSA when losses occur," said Brancel. "A report of the actual yield is key."

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to obtain NAP coverage or for additional information on the NAP before the March 17 deadline.

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