

## Producers reminded of September 30 Sales Closing Date for Noninsurable Crops

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Chase County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Teri Moss, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of Sept. 30, 2011.

The NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

“Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management,” said Moss. “This year alone has proved that natural disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations,” she said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 30, 2011: Fall Seeded Mixed Forage, Rye, Speltz, Triticale and Wheat.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for the NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, the NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the September 30 deadline.

The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

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For more information on the sales closing dates and the NAP, contact the Chase County FSA office at (308) 882-4263.