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Your Local County FSA office would like to keep you informed of the following items. If you have any questions, please contact the Dawes/N Sioux County Office in Chadron 432-4616 ext. 2, the Sheridan County Office in Rushville 327-2489 ext. 2, or the Box Butte County Office in Alliance 762-4322 ext. 2

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 1, 2012 – deadline to apply for 2010 SURE (crop disaster) benefits
June 1, 2012 – deadline to enroll in 2012 DCP/ACRE – 2012 Direct Payments will be issued in October
June 30, 2012 – deadline to report/certify planted acres

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES
OR A LOSS HAS OCCURRED ON A NAP CROP?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

First, you must notify your local FSA office by completing form FSA-576, Part B, Notice of Loss. You must complete this form within 15 calendar days of the:

To receive NAP benefits, you must complete form FSA-576, Part G, Application for Payment, prior to the
application closing date for the subsequent year. The CCC-576 requires you to provide production evidence and disposition of the crop.

FSA will send a certified loss adjuster to inspect the crop acreage. You must allow FSA to inspect the damage prior to destroying the crop or making any other use of the land, such as planting to another crop.

When crop failure occurs prior to the final planting date for the crop, you must replant the crop in order to maintain coverage. If weather conditions, such as excessive precipitation, prevent you from planting the crop, you may qualify for prevented planting coverage. Claims for prevented planting must be filed on form CCC-576 within 15 days after the final planting date. NAP benefits will be available for losses due to natural disaster and will not be provided for losses caused by failure to

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follow good farming practices.

2012 DCP/ACRE SIGNUP ENDING

Signup for the DCP/ACRE Program began on January 23, 2102 and will continue through June 1, 2012. Please call to schedule an appointment. No advance payments are authorized for 2012, the last year of the present Farm Bill. Final payments will be issued after October 1, 2012.

TREE REPLANTS

Cost share assistance is available for tree replants in shelterbelts and field breaks that are under a CRP contract if the trees failed because of a natural disaster (drought, heat, rodents, etc). You must maintain an 80% survival rate for your contract to be in compliance! If the contract is not in compliance, a payment reduction or termination of the contract may be applied. Now is the time to get your trees ordered for spring 2012 replants. An order form is available at the NRCS office or you may visit www.spnrd.org.

August 1, 2012 is the final date to request cost share for eligible tree replants.

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