

IMPORTANT DEADLINE!

NAP Program

Farmers can protect themselves against losing all of their income due to bad weather. One way for farmers to protect themselves is with the NAP program offered by the Farm Service Agency, which is part of the United States Department of Agriculture. The full name of NAP is the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Steps for the NAP Program

1. Find your local Farm Service Agency office and call for an appointment
2. Obtain a farm number
3. Apply for NAP and pay fee unless limited resource
4. Complete acreage report
5. Report losses and report production

In Minnesota, the deadline to apply for NAP for many crops is **March 15**, so farmers need to act quickly if they would like to join the program. The deadline in other states may be different—contact your local or state FSA office to find out the application deadline for the crops you plan to grow. Farmers are **not required** to participate in NAP. It is a voluntary program.

In order to apply for NAP coverage, you will need to bring a list of all of the crops you intend to plant in 2009. If you ordered seeds, you may want to bring the order form, so that it is easier to identify the specific variety of crop you intend to plant.

In order to apply for NAP coverage, **most farmers must also pay a fee**. The fee is \$250 per crop, per county, with a maximum of \$750 per county. Thus, if you want to obtain NAP coverage for 3 or more crops in Dakota County, it would cost \$750. It would cost more to obtain coverage of crops in more than one county.

Farmers **may request a waiver of the fee if they are limited resource farmers**. Whether a person is a limited resource farmer depends upon his or her gross agricultural sales in the previous two years, and upon total household income. Farmers may be asked later for evidence to show they are limited resource farmers.

NAP does not cover all of your financial losses due to natural disaster.

If you would like to sign up for the NAP program, you must do so by the application deadline.