

What is the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)?

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance is NOT crop insurance, but is a form of disaster assistance that can be part of your farm's risk management plan. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers this program, and farmers work with their local FSA office to apply. NAP addresses financial issues that arise when crops are affected by natural disasters. This assistance covers crop losses, loss of yield, and inability to plant due to natural disasters. Considering NAP is important when dealing with crops that may not be insurable by other policies.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- NAP is ONLY offered if there is no other catastrophic level insurance offered by the RMA for a given crop or product.
- Eligible crops include those for which federal crop insurance is not available, such as certain fruits, vegetables, aquaculture, floriculture, mushrooms, turfgrass, Christmas trees, ginseng, honey, maple sap, crops grown under controlled environments and others. Assistance covers crop losses, loss of yield, and inability to plant due to natural disasters.
- You can insure the same crop in different succession plantings as separate crops (lettuce 1, lettuce 2, etc.)
- You apply for NAP by filling out the FSA CCC-471, "Application for Coverage" form, then pay the service fee at your local FSA office.
 - The service fee varies based on the number of crops and counties in which your farm is operating. The fee is generally less than \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county. The cost will not surpass a total of \$1,950 for farmers operating out of multiple counties.

- Be in close touch with your FSA office for:
 - The closing dates vary by crop (date by which you need to file).
 - NAP Basic Provisions, which go over how to maintain the requirements and how NAP operates.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Farmers can participate in WFRP and Micro Farm and still participate in the NAP program.
 - If the NAP payment exceeds the WFRP or Micro Farm deductible, the amount over the deductible will be considered revenue-to-count for WFRP or Micro Farm indemnity determinations.
- Beginning, limited-resource, socially disadvantaged, and qualifying veteran farmers are eligible for a waiver of the service fee and a 50% NAP premium reduction.
- Examples:
 - Sal's strawberry field is damaged by a severe drought. NAP will cover the loss of income to Sal due to the drought, but it won't cover the damage to the plants themselves. Replanting cost will be Sal's cost to bear.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

For small, diversified, and specialty crop farmers, choosing an insurance policy for certain crops can be difficult. Though NAP is not a form of insurance, the financial assistance that it can offer is beneficial and something important to consider as part of your risk management planning.