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Sussex County FSA Updates

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USDA Farm Service Agency Offers Text Alerts to Sussex County Producers

Subscribers Can Receive Important Program Reminders and Updates via Text Message

Farmers can now receive notifications from their county office through text messages on their cell phone.

Whether producers are in the field, on a tractor or even in the chicken house, this service enables FSA customers and stakeholders to receive notifications while on the go. Producers will receive text messages regarding important program deadlines, reporting requirements, outreach events and updates.

Producers can text **DESUSSEX** to FSANOW (372-669) to subscribe to text message alerts from Sussex County. Standard text messaging rates apply. Contact your wireless carrier for details associated with your particular data plan. Participants may unsubscribe at any time.

Please contact our office at (302) 856-3990 ext. 2 if you have questions regarding FSA's email news service or the new text message option.

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Next County Committee Meeting:

March 9th, 2017

Producers Urged to Consider NAP Insurance Before Deadline

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadline of **March 15th**.

NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available.

March 15th is the deadline to purchase NAP for Spring seeded crops such as:

- Squash
- Pumpkins
- Peppers
- Tomatoes
- Fresh Market Sweet Corn
- Melons

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales deadlines, contact us or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap

Preauthorized Debit Available for Farm Loan Borrowers

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has implemented pre-authorized debit (PAD) for Farm Loan Program (FLP) borrowers. PAD is a voluntary and alternative method for making weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments on loans.

PAD is offered by FSA at no cost. Check with your financial institution to discuss any potential cost. You are responsible to ensure your full payment is made by the due date.

For more information about PAD, please contact us.

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