Sunday, March 15 is the deadline for purchasing NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) coverage for spring planted crops not covered by Federal Crop Insurance.

Spring crops in Phillips County are listed as: peas, pumpkins, forage sorghum, soybeans, sweet corn, millet (common), mustard (seed) and other hay.

To be eligible for the SURE (Supplemental Revenue Assurance Program), producers are required to have Federal Crop Insurance or NAP coverage on all crops.

Crop insurance does not need to be bought and can still be considered eligible for sure when the following applies:

—crop is for grazing. (Note: Not to buy PRF-RI or NAP coverage on grazing also means not being eligible for the Livestock Forage Program.)

—crop is not of economic significance. (Note: A crop is considered economically significant if it is expected to contribute five percent or more of the total expected value of all crops grown by the producer.)

—crop is considered De Minimis. (Note: NAP fee exceeds 10 percent of the value of the NAP coverage or crop value is less than $9,090.)

Subsequent crops such as forage sorghum following failed wheat, will not be eligible for the SURE program and will not be required to be covered by NAP.

For any questions regarding NAP coverage on crops or SURE eligibility, contact the local Farm Service Agency Office. Phillips County can be reached by calling 970-854-2812 Ext. 2.