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# Disaster assistance for 2012 frost or freeze fruit crop losses announced

USDA STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program assistance for losses to bush or tree fruit crops due to frost or freeze during the 2012 crop year. The program, authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides supplemental NAP payments to eligible producers.

Farmers who did not have access to crop insurance and are in primary and adjacent counties that received a Secretarial disaster designation because of frost or freeze in 2012 are eligible for NAP assistance. Losses due to weather damage or other adverse natural occurrences may also qualify

for program assistance. NAP enrollment began July 22. Applications must be submitted to FSA county offices by Sept. 22.

“After the 2014 Farm Bill was enacted into law, USDA expedited the restart of disaster assistance programs as a top priority,” said FSA Administrator Juan Garcia. “Fruit producers experienced significant financial losses from weather-related damage in 2012. NAP provides them with long-awaited disaster relief.”

To expedite applications, producers who experienced losses are encouraged to collect records documenting these losses in preparation for the sign-up in this program. Producers also are encouraged to contact

their FSA county office to schedule an appointment. Limited resource, socially disadvantaged, and beginning producers are eligible for premium reductions and also may be eligible for fee reductions.

Interested producers can view the 2012 NAP Coverage for Frost, Freeze or Weather Related Fruit Losses Fact Sheet at <http://go.usa.gov/5kSQ>, or visit a local FSA office. To find out if land is located in an eligible frost/freezing county, visit <http://go.usa.gov/53rz>.

The announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful re-

form and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.

Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farm-bill](http://www.usda.gov/farm-bill).

### OBITUARIES

The Journal publishes paid obituaries in Wednesday and Saturday editions and on its Web site at [www.ifallsjournal.com](http://www.ifallsjournal.com).

Obituaries must be submitted by 10 a.m. Tuesdays to be published in the Wednesday edition, and by 10 a.m. Thursdays to be in the Saturday edition.

All obituaries must be prepaid before they are published.

Obituaries can be faxed to the Journal at 285-7206; e-mailed to [tammiec@ifallsjournal.com](mailto:tammiec@ifallsjournal.com); or mailed to The Journal at 1602 Highway 71, International Falls, MN 56649.

We encourage electronic delivery of obituaries and any accompanying photos.

If desired, The Journal will e-mail or fax a proof of the obituary to the funeral home handling the service.

For more information, call Tammie Calder at 285-7411.

## Ronald ‘Ron’ George Schmidt, 66

Ronald “Ron” George Schmidt, 66, went to be with his Lord and join his parents in Heaven on Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

He was born April 26, 1948, in Mankato, Minn., to Kenneth and Emma Schmidt.



He graduated from Minnesota Lake Public School in 1966.

He entered the United States Air Force in 1967 and did his basic training in San Antonio, Texas, and Biloxi, Miss. He was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, and Danang, Vietnam.

Ron was called a “Ditty-Bop” — he copied Morse code and was very proud of his service to our country.

He was honorably discharged in 1971.

He attended Mankato State University and the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, and graduated from Rainy River Community College in International Falls with a degree in small engine repair.

He tutored with Vernon Skrien for three years. He then went into the small engine repair business with his brother, Craig.

Ron was an outboard specialist and enjoyed working on them. He also worked for Voyagers National Park before retiring due to health issues.

Ron also commercial fished Frank Bowman’s fishing grounds on Namakan Lake in 1978, which was one of his most memorable summers.

Ron loved his sports, his favorites being the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. He also enjoyed camping and fishing, mostly on Namakan and Kabetogama

Lakes and the occasional fly-in trips with his buddies to Canada.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his brother, Craig (Michelle) Schmidt of International Falls; sister, Marlys Schultz of Lake Crystal; nieces and nephews, Zachary (Cara) Schultz of Mapleton, Minn., Joshua Schultz of Mankato, Minn., Kendra Schmidt of International Falls, Minn.; great-nephew, Ian Schultz of Mapleton, Minn.; special nieces and nephews, Nikki, Andy, Katie, Kenyan Olson and Brandon and Travis Larson; and his special soul mate, Barb Christiansen.

He is also survived by his extended family and friends.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, with full military rites.

Interment will be at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at [www.greenlarsen.com](http://www.greenlarsen.com).

Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.

### SENIOR MENU

Hot meals for people 60 or older are served at noon Monday through Friday at Koochiching County Senior Center, 307 Fourth St.

Meals are for anyone, regardless of income. A \$4 donation is suggested. Meals are subject to change. Participants under age 60 are welcome at \$7.50 each.

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