

# GUADALUPE COUNTY FSA NEWS

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## USDA Declares 20 Counties Now Eligible for Low-Interest Emergency Loans     *January 26, 2007*

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that producers in 20 counties are now eligible to apply for low-interest Emergency Loans from the FSA due to physical losses caused by the severe winter storms and record breaking snows in December and January. Eligible applicants have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their physical losses, provided all eligibility requirements are met.

Six Counties, which include Colfax, De Baca, Guadalupe, Santa Fe, Torrance, and Union all received primary physical loss designations. The other fourteen counties, which include Bernalillo, Chaves, Harding, Lincoln, Mora, Quay, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, San Miguel, Sandoval, Socorro, Taos, Valencia, are eligible as contiguous counties. Eligible physical losses include, but not limited to: damaged farm structures such as barns, dead livestock, and fence damage.

Interested producers may contact their local FSA Offices at the USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for this and other programs. Additional information is also available online through the New Mexico FSA'S website at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

You may also contact Ag. Credit in Clovis at the Curry County FSA Office, Phone: 505-762-4769 ext. 102. Call them for a loan application packet and/or for more information.

## NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops and commodities, including rangeland, when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs, due to a natural disaster. Producers who have no crop changes from their 2006 NAP contract have the option of continuous coverage. However, the applicable service fee of \$100 must be paid by the application closing date, up to \$300 maximum unlimited crops per county, with a \$900 cap for multi-county producers.

Coverage does not start until 30 days after application is filed and fees paid or the date the crop is planted and does not exceed the final planting date. A Report of Acreage must be filed to verify the existence of the crop and record the number of acres covered by the application. Acreage reports are combined with production reports to calculate approved yields. The approved yield is the average of your actual production history for a minimum of 4 years to a max of 10 years. To calculate your yield FSA divides your total production by your crop acreage. When a natural disaster occurs you must notify FSA and complete a Notice of Loss and an application for payment within 15 days. Natural disasters must reduce production by more than 50%.

### **Deadline to Purchase NAP Coverage are as follows:**

**MARCH 15, 2007**– Beans, Dry Peas, Corn, Millet, Potatoes, Sorghum, Soybeans, Squash, Sunflowers and Tomatoes.

**CALL OR COME BY THE OFFICE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION ON NAP.**

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**MARCH 21 - NATIONAL AG DAY**

**AMERICA GROWS WITH AGRICULTURE**



## **2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program** *Producers Encouraged to Enroll Online.*

Enrollment for the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) began Oct. 1, 2006, and ends on June 1, 2007. If your farm has participated in the farm program anytime since 2002, you are eligible to enroll your farm for the 2007 Fiscal Year contract. All supporting documentation, such as CCC-502, AD-1026, and CCC-526, must be submitted before payments can be issued. Annual acreage reports indicating uses of all cropland on a farm must be filed by the applicable established reporting dates.

Farmers are encouraged to sign up for the program through the online DCP sign-up service. Producers will find the Internet-based DCP sign-up service convenient and very user friendly. The service is an example of the strides USDA is taking to make its programs more accessible, and we encourage producers with Internet access to use the system. DCP participants must sign DCP contracts annually, producers can choose not to participate in the program in any given year. The electronic service is available by going to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> and clicking on "access eDCP Service." To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.

### **PRODUCERS PARTICIPATING IN DCP - Agree to:**

1. Comply with HELC and WC Provisions on all their land;
2. Devote acreage equal to the base acreage to an agricultural or conserving use crop.
3. Effectively control noxious weeds and maintain base acres accordingly, this includes erosion control.
4. File Acreage reports for all cropland on the farm.
5. Notify FSA when there are any changes in your operation.

**Crop Certification** - Producers can begin to certify their crop acres in compliance with their DCP Contracts.

**The deadline to certify small grains, such as, Wheat; Barley; Oats; and Triticale is May 15, 2007**

**For all Other Crops the deadline to certify is July 15, 2007.**

**PAYMENT LIMITATION / ELIGIBILITY** USDA Payments and Benefits are subject to producer eligibility and payment limitation provisions as defined by the law. Documents and forms to determine eligibility and payment limitation, once completed, are reviewed on an annual basis. It is the producer's responsibility to report changes in the farming/ranching operation which may affect payment eligibility and payment limitation. Entities such as corporations, limited partnerships, trusts and estates are required to provide names, addresses and ID numbers of their members. Also income certification must also be provided by each member of an entity for certain program payments. The following FSA Programs are subject to payment limitation and eligibility provisions:

• <b>DCP / Direct Payment</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	* <b>DCP / Counter-Cyclical</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>
• <b>CDP Crop Disaster</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	* <b>LAP Livestock Assistance</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
• <b>NAP Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	* <b>LDP Loan Deficiency &amp; Market Gains</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>

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