



# The Homesteader

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## CED Leaving

I have accepted a CED position in Rio Arriba/Taos counties. It is for establishments and family ties that I have accepted this position. I have enjoyed working with you for these past few months. I will miss the very nice, friendly and helpful people of Deming. I am very grateful for the chance to serve as your CED and sincerely thank the County Committee for the opportunity. The farmers and ranchers of Grant and Luna counties will have a GREAT staff with the willingness to assist the producers in farm programs.

## Crop Certifications

Crop Certifications deadline has been changed from July 15, 2008 to **August 15, 2008**. Crops certified must have a planting date, failed crops, date of planted crops on the same acreage need to be reported timely. You may not be eligible for program benefits if certifications are not done timely. The office is again short staffed, please call and set up an appointment to certify crops.



## Direct Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP)

The food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 ACT) was enacted into law on May 22, 2008. This provides continuing DCP for 2008 through 2012. Federal regulations, program policies, and procedures are being drafted and developed. It will be finalized over the next several months. The 2008 DCP signup period will start **June 25, 2008 and end September 30, 2008**. The program will be administered the same as the 2007 DCP with the exceptions of the following changes:

- Farms that have 10 base acres or less shall not receive a direct or counter-cyclical payment unless the entire farm is owned by a socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmer or rancher
- Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher who is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to

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### DCP continued

their individual qualities.

- Limited resource farmer or rancher must meet both of the following:
- Have gross farm sales not more than \$100,000 in both of the previous 2 years. Based on the USDA Online self determination tool at <http://www.lrftool.sc.gov/tool.asp> Grant and Luna counties gross farm sales not more than **\$116,800 per year.**
- Have a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of 4 or less than 50 % of county median household income in both of the pervious 2 years. Based on website, Grant and Luna counties is **19,350.00 total household income in each of the last two years**

The final Direct DCP payments will be issued in October 2008. Counter-cyclical payments are authorized for a covered commodity when the effective price for the commodity is less than the target price of the commodity.

### Disaster Programs

**The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)** we are still accepting applications for this program. The deadline to apply and bring in all required documentation will be **July 18, 2008.**

**Crop Disaster program (CDP)** we are also accepting applications for this program, **no deadline date has been announced as of yet.**



### Stakeholders' Meeting

Deming SWCD will have a stakeholders meeting on **Wednesday July 16, 2008 at 9:00 AM.** Location will be at the **Mimbres Valley Learning Center.** Producer (Farmer and Ranchers) are invited. SWCD & NRCS would like to have producers **input and recommendation** on setting criteria for the 2009 FY EQIP Cost Share Program. For more information please contact Pennie Hooper or Luis Garcia at 546-9291 Ext. 3 in the NRCS office.

