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No Counter-cyclical Payments Issued for 2007 Crop Year

Bozeman, MT – The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) will not be issuing final counter-cyclical payments for wheat, barley, and oats for crop year 2007. This is due to the fact that the effective prices of those commodities exceeded their respective target prices.

The effective price equals the direct payment rate, plus the higher of the national average loan rate or the national average farm price. The target price for the commodities is as follows: 1) Wheat \$3.92; 2) Barley \$2.24; 3) Oats \$1.440. The Effective Price is: 1) Wheat \$7.00; 2) Barley \$4.59; 3) Oats \$2.654. With the effective price higher than the target price, the final Counter-cyclical Payment Rate is \$0.

The 2002 Farm Bill provided for an advance partial counter-cyclical payment in December 2007 and a final payment after the close of the marketing year if the effective price fell below the respective target price. For further information regarding the Direct and Counter-cyclical program, contact your local FSA office located under “government” in the telephone directory or logon to the Montana FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt>.

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