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Pershing County FSA Updates

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DCP/ACRE Sign-Up

The 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment runs from Jan. 23, 2012 through June 1, 2012. Here are some **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- All producers planting on **DCP base** acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.
- Changes on the farm after June 1 enrollment in DCP/ACRE **must** be reported to your local FSA office. Changes may include: a) Ownership changes, b) Producer changes (Individuals and Entities), c) Change in crop shares arrangements
- No changes can be made after Sept. 30, 2012.

**Please call the office today to
set up an appointment.**

**Only two months left for
enrollment.**

2010 LFP Sign-up period

Nevada USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Clint Koble announced on March 15, 2012 that Nevada has been granted authority to conduct

each month on an as needed basis.

Unauthorized Disposition of Grain

If loan grain has been disposed of through feeding, selling or any other form of disposal without prior written authorization from the county office staff, it is considered unauthorized disposition. The financial penalties for unauthorized dispositions are severe and a producer's name will be placed on a loan violation list for a two-year period. Always call the county office before you haul any grain.

Farm Safety

Flowing grain in a storage bin or gravity-flow wagon is like quicksand; it can kill quickly. When a person is caught in flowing grain it takes less than five seconds to be trapped. The mechanical aspects of grain handling equipment also present a real danger. Augers, power take-offs and other moving parts can grab arms, legs, hair or clothing. These hazards, along with pinch points and missing shields, are dangerous enough for adults; not to mention children. It is always advisable to keep children a safe distance from operating farm equipment. Always use extra caution when backing or

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2010 Livestock Forage Program (LFP)

Sign up until **June 11, 2012** for Pershing County.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

In order for an LFP applicant to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased coverage on their grazing crops through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers or ranchers, as defined in the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e) (7 U.S.C. 2279(e)), do not have to meet this Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR) and, therefore, are not required to have purchased NAP coverage.

LFP program applicants should note that in addition to risk management provisions, certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for livestock disaster program benefits.

If you are interested in applying for 2010 LFP, please contact the Pershing FSA Office at (775) 273-2922 to schedule an appointment. To insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they visit our office to apply for benefits. Please contact the office to determine what supporting documentation is needed for your application.

Adjusted Gross Income

USDA and the Internal Revenue Service have established an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent is required from each producer or payment recipient to initiate the tax review process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to FSA.

This ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for

maneuvering farm machinery. Ensure everyone is visibly clear and accounted for before machinery is engaged. FSA wants all farmers to have a productive crop year, and that begins with putting safety first.

*****ATTENTION*****

**ACREAGE
REPORTING DATES
HAVE CHANGED!**

**Beginning July 1,
2012**

Changes in acreage reporting dates are below.

June 15th: Spring
Grain crops:
Barley and wheat
Spring Forage
Seeding
Onions

July 15th: Spring
Alfalfa SEED
Spring Oats
Potatoes
All other crops

December 15th:
Fall Barley
Perennial Forage
Fall Forage Seeding
Fall Wheat
All other fall-seeded
grains
All Grazing

NAP Acreage
Reports:
The final date for
reporting any specific
crop acreage for
which NAP assistance
may be paid is the
earlier of the
following:
- The established
acreage reporting
date above
- **MUST** be
reported 15 calendar
days before the onset

commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-931 to their local FSA County Office by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. This form may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices or online at:

<http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>.

Acreage Certification

<----- See Changes!!

Time is nearing for producers to certify their 2012 acreage. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of program benefits.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many FSA programs. For crops enrolled in programs other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program), acreage reports are to be certified by the June 15th deadline on small grains and a July 15th deadline on all other crops.

Acreage reports on crops covered by NAP are due in the county office by the earlier of June 15th for small grains and July 15th for all other crops, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.



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Direct and Guaranteed Loans

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

If you've had a setback and your current lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan, ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee. Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans have a maximum limit of \$1,214,000. This makes the maximum combination of direct and guaranteed loan indebtedness \$1,514,000.

The one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans has increased from 1 percent to 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. This applies to loans obligated after October 1, 2011. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

Farm Record Changes

June 1, 2011 is the deadline to provide changes to your farm records at the local FSA office for the 2011 crop year. If you are changing your operation entity type, adding or dropping cropland or farms, or adding entities to your operation, contact the FSA county office by June 1.

CRP Signup Ends April 6, 2012

Farmers and ranchers have until April 6, 2012 to enroll eligible land into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) during this four-week general sign-up period. Contracts awarded become effective Oct. 1, 2012. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall may make new contract offers. FSA will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that includes wildlife, water, soil, and air criteria. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the sign-up ends and all EBI data is evaluated. For more information on this and other programs contact the local FSA office in a USDA Service Center near you.

New Continuous CRP Initiative

FSA has announced a new conservation initiative to protect up to 750,000 acres of the nation's most highly erodible croplands by enabling them to plant wildlife-friendly, long-term cover. This initiative will assist producers in targeting their most highly erodible cropland with an erodibility index of 20 or greater.

Producers can enroll land on a continuous basis beginning this summer. With the use of soil survey and geographic information system data, local FSA staff can quickly determine a producer's eligibility for the initiative.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office or visit FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp for additional CRP information.

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Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department. Funds are made available in two parts: an early partial disbursement and the final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed.

The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and

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Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization's advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- United States citizenship (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien status;
- Between 10 years to 20 years of age;
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements;
- Reside in a rural area, city or town with a population of 50,000 or fewer people;
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources;
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above;
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms.

Minority Farm Register – Now Open for Minority Farmers and Ranchers

Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages minority farmers and ranchers in Nevada to voluntarily join the USDA

approved total loan amount. Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. For more information about FSFL please visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov

Selected Interest Rates for April

Farm Operating -
Direct 1.25%
Farm Ownership -
Direct 3.375%
Farm Ownership -
Direct Down Payment,
Beginning Farmer or
Rancher 1.50%
Emergency 3.75%
Commodity Loans
1996-Present 1.125%
Farm Storage Facility
Loans
7-year: 1.50%
10-year: 2.125%
12-year: 2.375%

Minority Farm Register to receive information and opportunities from USDA agencies. The new Minority Farm Register is an outreach tool designed to reach underserved farmers and ranchers who are not currently enrolled in USDA loan, farm or conservation programs.” By joining the Register, minority producers may receive outreach materials, newsletters, and program announcements from USDA agencies. They may also receive information and assistance from other USDA-approved outreach partners, such as community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and minority-serving educational institutions. USDA will carefully control access to and use of the Register. Registration forms are available in Spanish (AD-2035SP) and English (AD-2035) on the FSA web site www.fsa.usda.gov under “Forms”.

Dates to Remember

June 1: 2012 DCP Enrollment closes
June 1: Farm Record Changes Deadline
June 1: SURE Sign up ends 2010 crop year
June 11: LFP 2010 signup deadline
June 15th: Deadline for spring-planted crop reporting
July 15th: Deadline for spring alfalfa for seed, spring oats and all other crops



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