



NEWSLETTER



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2012 DCP/ACRE Sign-Up

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment opened January 23, 2012 and will close June 1, 2012. Call now for an appointment at the local office.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. 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.
2. Changes on the farm after enrolling June 1st in DCP/ACRE **must** be reported to your local FSA Office. This includes ownership changes; producer changes (Individuals and Entities; change in crop share arrangements. **NOTE:** All changes must be made by September 30, 2012.

Last Printed Newsletter -- Sign up now for free Gov-Delivery

Nevada FSA and other states now have instant delivery, electronic bulletin option and will no longer send costly paper copies through the mail. This is your last printed Newsletter.

To continue receiving information at home, producers should enroll now in the new GovDelivery system for notices, newsletters and reminders via email. FSA is working smarter and more efficiently to conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers. Subscribe right now to receive your free e-mail updates

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Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) is a federally funded program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. Application for coverage must be filed by the applicable crop's closing date.

Production records and applications for payment for all crops must be reported to FSA no later than the acreage reporting date for the crop for the following year. FSA requires that any production reported in a loss year **be verifiable** according to Agency specifications. **NAP losses must be reported within 15 days of loss.**

Be sure your 2012 acreage report is completed when filing a Notice of Loss for 2012 NAP. Contact your FSA County Office for deadlines and more information.

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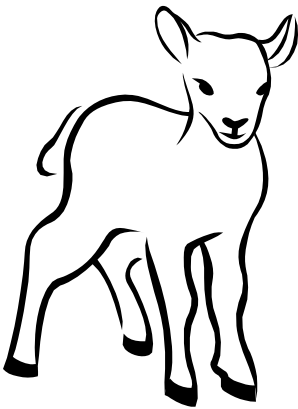
Producers who have received FSA payments should have received a CCC-1099 -G, a report to the IRS about FSA payments made to producers the previous calendar year. The report is a service to help participating producers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the program participant's responsibility to report income to the IRS.



When the CCC-1099-G is received, it should be checked with your records to see that the amounts are correct. Refunds will no longer be reported on the 1099-G, but will be available online from the FSA Financial Inquiries (FSA-FI) web-based database. Program participants with an eAuthentication user ID and password may access their refund information at FSA-FI and select "Inquiry Type 1099/Refund Reports". Refund amounts are displayed on the Producer's Year-to-Date Activity web page.

Contact your local FSA Office concerning 1099-G details and eAuthentication access.

NOTICE: Hispanic and/or Women Farmers / Ranchers; Native Americans & African Americans



If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits, you may be eligible to apply for compensation at:

Hispanic or Women: If denied benefits between 1981 and 2000
Call: 1 888 508 4429
Online: www.farmerclaims.gov

Native Americans: If denied benefits between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999
Call: 1 888 233 5506
Online: www.indianfarmclass.com

African American: If denied benefits between October 13, 1999 and June 18, 2008
Call: 1 888 472 7826
Online: www.blackfarmercase.com

Actively Engaged

USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program.

Normally the stockholder or a member of a legal entity **must** make contributions of active personal labor and/or active personal management for the farming opera-

tion. The contributions are to be performed on a regular basis, must be identifiable, and separate from the contribution of others.

The exception to this rule for a stockholder or member of a legal entity only occurs when both of the following apply:

1. At least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management; and
2. The total direct payments received by the legal entity and each of the members cannot exceed \$40,000

Planning is Key

Conservation programs administered by NRCS help people to reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. The programs are voluntary allowing agricultural producers to customize his/her needs to the programs available. They are split into three groups: environmental improvement, stewardship and easement programs. You can sign up at any time; however, by law NRCS closes application periods so that current applications can be processed and funded.

NRCS in Nevada offers a number of conservation programs which provide financial assistance to landowners as well as a number of programs which offer technical assistance. NRCS field office employees must first visit with producer and complete an on-farm evaluation of producer's resource needs and concerns. This enables NRCS staff to provide the producer with alternatives to address the identified resource concerns. The producer can then decide if NRCS has a program that will meet his/her needs.

If you are interested, please contact the Ely Field Office at 775 289 4065 or stop by the office at 744 E North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada.

Feb - National Heart Month





Nearly 68 million people have high blood pressure (aka hypertension) in the United States. Hypertension increases the risk for heart disease and stroke, the first and third leading causes of death. About 1 of 3 adults has high blood pressure. About 1 or 3 adults with high blood pressure does not get treatment. About 1 of 3 adults with high blood pressure does not have it under control.

Farm Loan Programs

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.



Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan. 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. The one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed farm ownership loans and operating loans has increased from 1 percent to 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan, for loans obligated after October 1, 2011.

Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in conjunction with 4-H Clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization 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.

Land Contract (LC) Guarantee

FSA makes loans through the land Contract (LC) Guarantee Program. The LC Guaranteed Loans will be offered to the owner of a farm who wishes to sell real estate through a land contract to a beginning farmer or a farmer who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group.



of the property is not transferred until all payments under the contract have been made. Guarantees can be used for financing the purchase of a farm with a purchase price up to \$500,000 on a new land contract. FSA offers two types of guarantees under this program.

Prompt Payment Guarantee: A guarantee of up to the amount of three amortized annual installments plus the cost of any related real estate taxes and insurance; or

Standard Guarantee: A guarantee of 90 percent of the outstanding principal balance under the land contract.

To find out if you qualify, contact your local FSA Office or see additional information, including a complete list of borrower and seller eligibility criteria and application materials through the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers

FSA assists beginning farmers and/or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years;

- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm;

- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA;

- Does not own a farm in excess of 30% of the county's median size.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit online at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

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INTEREST RATES FEBRUARY 2012		Dates to Remember	
Farm Operating - Direct	1.375%		OFFICE CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY
Farm Ownership - Direct	3.375%	Feb 20	Office Closed - Washington's Birthday
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%	Feb 22	COC Meeting in Caliente
Farm Ownership - Direct, Joint Financing	5.000%	Feb 21-24	CED Kehoe in Ely Office
Farm Storage Facility—7 yrs	1.375%		
Farm Storage Facility — 10 yrs	2.000%		
Conservation Loan	3.375%		
Commodity Loans — 1966 to present	1.125%		
90 - Day Treasury Bill	0.125%		COC — meet 3rd Wed of month on an “as needed” basis

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