



NEWSLETTER



Doña County **FSA Office**

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Hours

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County Committee

Luis Holguin
Chairperson
Joe Corona
Vice-Chairperson
Edmund Ogaz
Member
Jann Koenig
Minority Advisor

COC Regular Meetings

Monthly—Third
Wednesday—1:30 PM

DCP Signup

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and will continue through June 1, 2011. However, DAFP has authorized a late-file CCC-509 enrollment period through August 1, 2011. Your DCP payment will be issued after October 1, 2011. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For more information producers can contact this FSA office.

Crop Certification

Crop reporting deadlines are approaching. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops not covered by the NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acreage reports are to be certified by the May 15 deadline on small grains and a **July 15, 2011** deadline on all other crops.

Exception Crops must be reported 15 calendar days if the crop:

- is covered by NAP. The crop/s must be reported 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.
- was Failed acreage. The crop must be within 15 calendar days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop.
- was Prevented planting. The crop must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

FSA Signature Policy

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office by either spouse.

SURE Signup

Signup for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) began Jan. 10, 2011, and ends July 29, 2011. SURE provides benefits for 2008 - 2011 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disasters.

Changing Banks

If you have changed accounts or banking institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, please contact our office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

Farm Loan Programs

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,119,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Producers who are residents in LAA 2 who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. The nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at the county office or may be downloaded online at www.fsa.usda.gov. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by the close of business on August 1, 2011, or postmarked by midnight Aug. 1, 2011.

This year's County Committee election will be for LAA 2, which is the area from Radium Springs south to Vado and La Mesa. FSA-669A's will be mailed out to eligible voters in LAA 2.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to: drought conditions or fire on federally managed land. Producers in Doña Ana County are eligible to apply for LFP benefits. The deadline to apply for small grain losses is July 1, 2011 and the deadline to apply for improved grass losses is December 15, 2011.

Eligible livestock producers may receive assistance for eligible livestock grazing losses that occur due to drought or fire on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011, during the calendar year in which the loss occurs.

County committees can only accept applications after being notified by the National Office of qualifying drought, or if Federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normal permitted livestock on Federal managed lands due to qualifying fire.

For 2010 and subsequent years, signup applications must be filed no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing losses occurred. Losses must occur in calendar year the application is being filed.

Eligible producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance under FCIA or NAP coverage by the applicable state sales closing date. Additional Information about LFP including eligible livestock and fire criteria is available at county FSA offices or online at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

Holiday

This office will be closed Monday July the 4th, 2011 in observance of Independence Day.

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