



Lincoln County FSA Newsletter May 2008

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2008 ACREAGE REPORTS

The county office is now taking appointments for your 2008 acreage reports. We are very short handed this year so please contact us as soon as possible and avoid long delays or extra trips to the office. Acreage reports are a requirement for almost all programs administered through this office. You must file this report every year even if you have no changes from the previous year. The deadline to file your report is **July 1, 2008**. Reports filed after July 1 will be assessed a late-filed fee of a \$30 basic farm fee **plus** an hourly rate of \$16 first hour/\$8 every 30 minutes after first hour. Hourly rate charges begin when the county office employee leaves the county office and ends when the employee returns to the county office.

The crop planting date is required on your crop report. Please contact us to make your report before the dead line of July 1, 2008, even if you have not completed your planting, then you may need to come back to the office and modify your report after you have finished planting. This may help you avoid a late file fee.

If you have had any land record changes (land purchases, sales, new leases, etc.), please advise the office ahead of time so we will be prepared for your acreage report. YOU are responsible for filing an accurate acreage report. When you sign your acreage report, you are certifying that all acres are reported correctly.

2007 COC ELECTION INFORMATION

FSA is reaching out to agricultural communities to get equitable representation on their county committees. Please complete a nomination form (FSA-669A). Under represented farmers and ranchers are encouraged to step up and participate in their county's COC election process.

COC election fact sheets can be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA>. Deadline for nominations is **August 1, 2008**. This year eligible voters in LLA1 (Local Administrative Area 1) will encompass the area from the Narrows to the North End of the Star Valley. The incumbent for LAA 1 is Chad Dana. If you know of someone who would be a good representative of agricultural producers, please nominate that person or if you could help promote the elections, please do so.

Continuous CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) allows landowners to voluntarily enroll acreage in to conservation practices that reduces soil erosion, improves water and soil quality, and provides wildlife habitat and food sources. Eligible landowners enter into 10-15 year contracts in return for receiving annual rental, maintenance, incentive, and cost share payments. Signup can take place anytime during the year. For more information on CCRP, contact this office.

REPORTING PRODUCTION FOR NAP

July 1 is the deadline for Farm Service Agency to complete proven yields for producers who are participating in the Non-insured Assistance Program. In order for us to complete the proven yield calculations and to obtain the necessary signatures by the July 1 deadline, we are asking NAP participants to submit their production evidence to this office as soon as possible. Failure to turn in your production evidence will result in a decreased yield guarantee and will decrease program benefits in the event of a crop loss.

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LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disaster occurring on January 1, 2006 or 2007. The following are among the types of livestock operations that will be eligible for LCP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine, or deer.

The payment rate for each livestock category will be 61 percent of the national payment rate. Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided. Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LCP benefits.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 26	Memorial Day - Office Closed
June 1	Crop Reporting Starts!!
July 1	Crop Report Deadline
July 1	2007 NAP Payment Deadline
July 1	2007 NAP Production Deadline
July 4	Fourth of July - Office Closed

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