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Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

The signup deadline for LCP has been established. All applications for LCP must be received in the county office by

July 18, 2008

The program has been amended to include 2007. Producers must choose only one year for which to receive benefits. Producers who have already signed up for the 2006 program year, but who had more animal numbers in 2007, may want to come into the office and reevaluate their application so that maximum benefits are received. Also payments for 2007 **are not reduced by payments earned under the 2006 Livestock Assistance Grant Program administered the Arizona State Ag Department.** The payment will be the lesser of your calculated feed loss or the payment rate set for each type and weight range of livestock. Eligible livestock are dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer. The rates for the most common types of livestock are as follows:

Livestock- Type and Weight Range Payment Per Head

Beef Adult Cows and Bulls	\$10.66
Non-adult 500 pounds or more	\$8.00
Sheep, All	\$2.67
Goats, All	\$2.67

When you apply you will need to certify to your livestock numbers as of January 1, 2006 or 2007. You must also provide a copy of leases, deeds, grazing permits, etc. that document your control of grazing land during the year for which you apply. The land documentation must be in the name of the applicant. Adverse grazing land cannot be used. **This documentation will be used to establish a feed loss for your operation.**

If you have any questions, please contact the county office.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

The signup period for LIP has been established. All applications for LIP must be received in the county office by

July 18, 2008

LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses (death) that occurred due directly to a federally declared natural disaster. **Drought is not a condition eligible under LIP.** We did have federally declared disasters in 2005 and 2006 for Severe Storms/Excessive Moisture. If you can document that you lost livestock due directly to Severe Storms/Excessive Moisture (flood, etc.) contact the county office.

2008 County Committee Election FSA Counts on You: Nominate and Vote!

One of FSA's responsibilities is to conduct County Committee elections in an open manner that ensures accountability. FSA will provide local organizations representing socially disadvantaged groups with detailed information about the COC election process. The agency is reaching out to agricultural communities to get equitable representation on their county committees.

Groups representing socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, will be actively solicited for COC election candidates, and encouraged to fill out a nomination form (FSA-669A).

Nomination forms can be filed starting **June 15, 2008 and must be filed not later than August 1, 2008 at the FSA office. Contact this office for a nomination form.**

Under represented farmers and ranchers are encouraged to step up and participate in their county's COC election process. Producers will notice posters and announcements displayed in businesses, churches, and other public places. COC election fact sheets can be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA> under the News & Events tab on the FSA homepage. LAA #1 is up for election. This is the Navajo Nation within Apache County. Raymond Castillo from St. Michaels is the current representative on the county committee.



*United We
Stand!*

Wool, Mohair 2008 Benefits

It's that time of year again. Time to file your 633-EZ Page 1 so that your wool and mohair will be eligible for payment.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SELL TO SIGN THE FORM. Producers should complete page one of the EZ form as soon as possible. Once page one is completed, producers can request benefits any time **up until January 31, 2009.**

Page 1 of the 633-EZ was mailed to wool and mohair producers that applied for benefits in prior years. **Please sign and return the form to this office as soon as possible so your wool and mohair is covered. If the form is not received by the office before you sell, you are ineligible for payment.**

When you sell your wool and mohair there is another form that must be completed.

We will be making outreach visits to the Navajo Nation to take applications. Please see this newsletter for a schedule. **THE 2008 FARM BILL HAS BEEN PASSED AND AS SOON AS REGULATIONS ARE WRITTEN WE WILL RESUME TAKING PAYMENT REQUESTS.**

Outreach Visits

We will be making the following visits to take applications for *all* FSA programs available at this time:

Location	Date	Time of Day
Chinle Chapter	June 17, 24 July 1, 8, 15	10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
St. Michaels USDA Service Ctr	June 12, 19, 26 July 3, 10, 17	10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
Shonto Chapter	June 10, 24 July 1, 15	1 P.M. to 4 P.M.
Kayenta NRCS next to Chapter	June 11, 25 July 2, 16	8 A.M. to 12 P.M.
Teec Nos Pos Chapter	June 10	10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
Rock Point Chapter	June 25	10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
Hard Rock Chapter	June 5, 6	9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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