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**June 25, 2008**

Sign up @ Gap Chapter

**June 26, 2008**

Sign up @ Kaibeto Chapter

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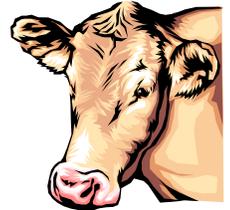
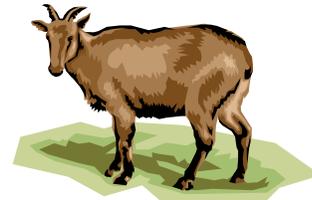
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# FSA NEWS

JUNE  
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*Servicing Coconino, Mohave, and Yavapai Counties*

## LCP DEADLINE



# July 18, 2008

### Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced a deadline for the Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP). The deadline has been set for **July 18, 2008**. LCP provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses directly resulting from natural disasters (drought) occurring between Jan. 1, 2006, and Dec. 31, 2007.

**Late File**

There are no late-filed provisions for 2005-2007 LCP.

**Eligible Livestock:**

- dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer
- livestock that have been physically located in an eligible county on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period;
- livestock that have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the beginning date of the disaster period;
- that have not been produced and maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation. Such excluded uses include, but are not limited to, wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping or for show.

**Eligible Producers**

To be eligible for LCP, producers must have:

- either owned or cash-leased eligible livestock (but not both for the same livestock) on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period(s);
- suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of an eligible disaster event(s) during the applicable disaster period(s) and the feed lost or additional incurred feed costs were intended for use with eligible livestock.

**Deadline**

**Close of Business - JULY 18, 2008**

**Payments**

FSA will calculate LCP payments by multiplying the national payment rate for each livestock category (found near the end of this fact sheet) by the number of eligible livestock in each category. The national payment rate represents 61 percent of the cost for corn needed to maintain the specific livestock for 30 days, as determined by FSA.

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 incurring a loss in more than one of the 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to receive benefits.

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## LCP Payments Continuation from page 1

Producers may not receive duplicate benefits under LCP for the same loss or any similar loss if they previously received payments under the 2006 Livestock Assistance Grant Program (LAGP). If a producer received benefits under the LCP in calendar year 2006 will have their LCP payment reduced by the amount of payment received under the 2006 LAGP.

### 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
Equine, All	\$7.89

### Sign-up

Sign-up for LCP began Sept. 10, 2007. Livestock producers must submit applications in their administrative county FSA office.

When you apply you will need to certify to your livestock numbers as of **January 1, 2006 & 2007**. You must also provide a copy of **leases, deeds, grazing permits**, etc. that document your control of grazing land. **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. You can also include expenses for livestock feed purchases but **must provide original feed receipts** that include the following information:

- date of feed purchased
- name, address and telephone number of feed vendor
- type and quantity of feed purchased
- cost of feed purchased
- signature of feed vendor if the vendor does not have a license to conduct this type of transaction.

### For More Information

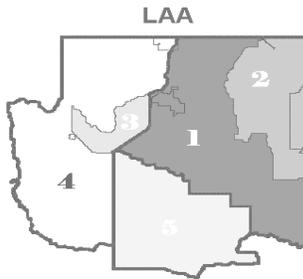
For more information about FSA and its programs, visit your local USDA Service Center or online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



### Power of Attorney

If you're too busy getting work done around the farm to come into your local FSA office to conduct business and complete your paperwork, here's a solution: Retain an agent to act on your behalf for programs and transactions authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill and most other FSA administered programs. This can be done by completing an FSA-211 "Power of Attorney". The form is available at your local USDA Service Center or on-line at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Forms obtained and completed outside USDA Service Centers must be notarized. To find out more information call the office.

## LAA-3 & 4 County Committee Nomination Time



LAA-3 (Hualapai Reservation) & LAA-4 (Rest of Mohave County except Hualapai Reservation) is seeking nominations for the County Committee

Farmers and ranchers of legal voting age may vote and run for office if they are participating or cooperating in an FSA program.

Committees apply their judgment and knowledge to make decisions on county price-support loan eligibility, establishment of allotments and yields, conservation programs, disaster programs, employment and other farm program-related issues.

A County Committee is composed of three to five elected members, one from each local administrative area (LAA). Each member serves a three year term with the terms being staggered so that one-third of the seats are up for election each year.

Members meet approximately once a month, depending on the tasks at hand. The committee may call a special meeting to respond to an unexpected situation such as a natural disaster.

USDA is committed to increasing the participation of all farmers and ranchers on the FSA County Committees, with an emphasis on socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, a group including African Americans, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Hispanics, Asians, Pacific Islanders, other minorities, and women.

### Who Can Be a Candidate?

Producers elect producers to County Committees. The following are some of the requirements for being a candidate to serve on a County Committee:

- Be of legal voting age;
- Live in the LAA holding an election; and
- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA.

### Nominations

The nomination period begins **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. Individuals may nominate candidates for the County Committee from a list of voters maintained at their local FSA office who are eligible to serve in the LAA holding an election.

- Names for candidacy (nominations) are submitted using an official FSA-669A nomination form. Nomination forms are available at local USDA FSA offices and on the FSA web site: [www.fsa.usda.gov/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/) under "Features", item - 1
- Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by others;
- Nomination forms must be submitted to the county office or be postmarked on or before **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**
- Nomination forms must be signed by the nominee whether self-nominated or nominated by someone else.

## Wool & Mohair LDP Program Expired May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

The Loan Deficiency Program (LDP) which offered payments to producers of wool and mohair, was being administered under the regulations of the 2002 Farm Bill which has expired. Although the 2002 Farm Bill had been extended for short periods numerous times, the final extension established the application deadline for wool & mohair LDP payments as **May 23, 2008**. Therefore we can no longer accept LDP applications for wool and mohair!

The 2008 Farm Bill is currently in the process of being enacted into law. Once the Final Rule dealing with LDP's is established under the new Farm Bill, our office will be authorized to once again begin accepting 2008 LDP applications for wool & mohair. Therefore, we encourage all wool & mohair producers to **keep your sales receipts** for any wool & mohair sales made during 2008. This office will keep you informed as new information regarding this program is released. Please contact this office if you have any questions.

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## 2009 NAP Rangeland Coverage

The USDA-Farm Service Agency is currently taking applications for the 2009 Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The NAP program provides financial assistance to producers for non-insurable crops (Native Grass) should there be a catastrophic loss greater than 50% during the crop year (2009) due to a natural disaster such as drought or fire. The closing date is **October 31, 2008**.

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### Foreign Buyers Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25% of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, Realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

### Bank Account Changes?

As of January 1, 1999, all FSA payments are supposed to be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you closed your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account and/or routing numbers.

### Civil Rights Complaint Process

Any person, class or group of persons may file a discrimination complaint within 180 days of an alleged discriminatory action. Complaints may be filed in writing or orally with the agency head, any designated agency official or the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Assistance in filing a complaint can be obtained by calling

### Change in Farming Operations?

Producers are reminded to notify their FSA office regarding **any** changes in their operations so that records can be kept current and accurate and producers can maintain their program eligibility.

### AGRICULTURAL LOANS--AVAILABLE

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes and Guarantees agricultural loans; provides credit counseling and supervision to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private & commercial credit.

FSA lends money & provides supervision to eligible applicants who operate family-size farms.

All loans must meet qualifying criteria to be eligible.

### TYPES OF LOANS AVAILABLE

- Farm Ownership (FO)
- Farm Operating (OL)
- Emergency (EM)
- Youth loans

### DIRECT AND GUARANTEED LOANS AVAILABLE

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, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct & guaranteed loans are available now.

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. Loan funds are available now — apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner. Most of our loan programs have special funding available for minority, female and beginning farmers.

FSA staff will help you complete the necessary forms and application, and help you understand what information is required and where to get it. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

### LOAN PURPOSE

With a Direct or Guaranteed FO Loan, you can purchase farmland, build or repair buildings and other fixtures, & promote soil & water conservation. Guaranteed FO Loans may also be used to refinance debt.

For additional information contact:

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### Sign-up Schedule

Chapter	Date	Time
Peach Springs	June 24, 2008	11:00 am - 2:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Gap Chapter	June 25, 2008	11:00 am - 3:30 pm <b>MST</b>
Kaibeto Chapter	June 26, 2008	9:30 am - 1:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Mohave Valley	July 01, 2008	11:00 am - 4:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Mohave Valley	July 02, 2008	8:30 am - 2:00 pm <b>MST</b>
<b>**Kingman</b>	July 8, 2008	10:00 am - 2:30 pm <b>MST</b>
LeChee Chapter	July 9, 2008	11:00 am - 4:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Tonalea Chapter	July 10, 2008	9:30 am - 2:00 pm <b>MST</b>
<b>**Prescott</b>	July 11, 2008	10:30 am - 2:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Gap Chapter	July 16, 2008	11:00 am - 3:30 pm <b>MST</b>
Kaibeto Chapter	July 17, 2008	9:30 am - 1:00 pm <b>MST</b>

**\*\*The Prescott and Kingman signup will take place at the Cooperative Extension offices**

**Prescott**  
 (the old Yavapai County Fairgrounds)  
 840 Rodeo Dr., Bldg C.  
 Prescott, AZ 86305

**Kingman**  
 101 E. Beale Street, Suite A  
 Kingman, AZ 86401-5827

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