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Pima-Santa Cruz Newsletter

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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

The Pima-Santa Cruz County Committee has requested an emergency program. We do not know at this time if funds will be available. However the committee has opened up a signup period for ECP due to the flooding in July and August. Signup is available from now until October 1, 2006.

Land that has been flooded three or more times in the last 25 years is not eligible for ECP.

Final 2006 DCP Payments

The 2005 final Counter-cyclical payments were issued Tuesday September 5, 2006 for Grain Sorghum and Upland Cotton.

The final direct payment will be issued the end of September or first of October. Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive the entire direct payment in October. The direct payment for a crop equals 85 percent of the farm's base acreage *times* the farm's direct payment yield *times* the direct payment rate.

Recorded Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the staff at your local Farm Service Agency county office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated.

For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. All landowners must furnish their tax ID numbers. Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in farm program.

It is also important to update name and address changes, and direct deposit information.

Livestock Assistance Grant Program

The USDA Farm Service Agency has announced a Livestock Assistance Grant Program to help livestock producers partially recover forage production losses due to certain drought conditions during 2006.

State governments will be responsible for conducting sign-ups and issuing payment to livestock producers and will announce their program details. FSA offices will **not** be involved in conducting sign-ups or issuing payments.

Trade Adjustment Benefits

Agricultural commodity producers or fishermen in the United States, or their authorized representatives, may file a petition to USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service between now and January 31, 2007 for benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (TAA).

Benefits under this program include cash payments and various educational benefits that can include occupational training. In prior year, TAA benefits have been provided to producers of blueberries, Concord grapes, potatoes, lychees, avocados, and to fishermen of shrimp and salmon, to name a few.

The petition for benefits must be received by the TAA office by close of business January 31, 2007. The TAA office address is Foreign Agricultural Service, ITP/IPPD, MS-1021, Washington, DC 20250-1021, or facsimile number is (202) 720-0876, or by e-mail to trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov. Use of fax or email is recommended.

For more information, or assistance in completing form FAS-930, contact: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, email: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov. Additional program information can be obtained at the TAA website. The URL is <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa/taaindex.htm>



Dates to Remember	
Sept. 29	Final day to enroll in 2006 DCP
August 1	2007 DCP crop year begins
October 31	Final day to apply for NAP for the Native Grasses and any other crop not covered by insurance
1 st Thursday of each month	County Committee Meeting

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