



RIO GRANDE, HINSDALE, MINERAL AND SAGUACHE COUNTIES JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2008

NAP PRODUCTION EVIDENCE

Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete information. It is the producer's responsibility to report the total amount of unit production. The producer's responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- *providing the best verifiable or reliable production evidence available for the crop by practice, type or variety
- *summarizing all the production evidence;
- *providing the information in a manner that can be easily understood
- *reporting production by the date specified by CCC
- *retaining production evidence for 3 years after the crop year it is initially certified.

Production records acceptable to CCC include verifiable or reliable:

- *commercial receipts, settlement sheets, warehouse ledger sheets or load summaries, if the eligible crop was sold or otherwise disposed of through commercial channels
- *documentary evidence, such as contemporaneous measurements, truck scale tickets and contemporaneous diaries, as necessary to verify information provided by the producer if eligible crop was stored, sold, fed to livestock, or otherwise disposed of other than through commercial channels
- *appraisal information from a loss adjuster is acceptable to CCC.

2007 production evidence is due to be submitted to this office no later than July 15, 2008. We encourage any interested producer to submit their 2007 and prior year's production evidence right away.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters that occurred between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007, including losses because of blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Sign-up for this program began September 10, 2007; an ending date has not been announced. For more information, please contact your local FSA office.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007, including losses because of blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. This program may help compensate for losses on non-irrigated pasture. Rio Grande, Hinsdale and Mineral Counties are eligible for 2006. Saguache County is eligible for 2005 and 2006.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

There is a Crop Disaster Program available for producers who incurred crop losses in 2005, 2006, and 2007. To be eligible you had to have sustained a crop loss in 2005, 2006 and 2007, and had either crop insurance coverage or NAP coverage. The 2007 crop year losses were just added to this program. If any producer has already filed for 2005 or 2006, and feels they have had a loss in 2007, we encourage producers to come into the office and file for 2007. We would like to also remind producers that payment can be received only for one year. The computer system will pay the highest payment. At this time there is not a final sign-up date.



COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

County committee elections were held December 3, 2007.

The results of those elections are:

Rio Grande County

- Charles Stillings-COC member
- Jerry Schmidt-1st alternate
- Stephanie Brunelli-2nd alternate

Saguache County

- Jack Kuntz-COC member
- John Artaechevarria, 1st alternate
- Brendon Rockey-2nd alternate
- Dale Barte-3rd alternate

The results of the organizational meetings held January 3, 2008 for Rio Grande County are:

- Chairperson-Carol Ann Dove
- Vice-Chairperson-Larry Scott
- Member-Jean Taylor
- Member-Charles Stillings
- Member-Dwayne Lewis

For Saguache County organizational meeting held January 8, 2008, the results are:

- Chairperson-David Stagner
- Vice-Chairperson-Elizabeth Temple
- Member-Jack Kuntz

We would like to thank all of these producers who so graciously agreed to run on the election ballot this year. The new County Committee members began their 3 year term on January 1, 2008.

MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS AND LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP'S)

Marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments are authorized for the crop years 2002-2007. Based on this, the 2007 crop commodities eligible for loans and LDP's, regardless of whether produced on participating or nonparticipating farms are: wheat, barley, oats, canola, honey, wool, mohair, and sorghum (grain or dual purpose). Hay, silage and unshorn pelts derived from the above commodities are eligible for LDP, but not for marketing assistance loan. For the 2007 crop year the final date for wheat and small grains is March 31, 2008. The final date for wool, mohair and pelts is January 31, 2008.

Right now with the market price staying high, there is no LDP payment rate. For a commodity to be eligible for a loan or LDP the producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity. Beneficial interest means the producer has complete control, risk of loss and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan and LDP, even if beneficial interest is regained.

For 2008 wool, mohair and pelts producers, before you sell your wool or mohair, to be eligible to receive an LDP on your fiber, you must sign and submit form CCC-633EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Agreement and Request. For 2008 grain producers, form CCC-633EZ must also be signed and submitted before you will be eligible for either an LDP or a commodity loan.

The web site where you can check on the daily LDP rates is: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and click on "Price Supports".

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