



September 2007

HUMBOLDT/LANDER FSA OFFICE

WINNEMUCCA USDA - FSA
Service Center

WINNEMUCCA FSA OFFICE
1200 EAST WINNEMUCCA
BLVD
WINNEMUCCA NV 89445

Phone (775) 623-5025
Fax (775) 623-1386
www.fsa.usda.gov/

Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Darrell Taylor, Chairman
Dick Williams Vice-Chair
Bob Buckingham, Member
Rob Wohle, Member
Dennis Cawrse Member
Arlo Crutcher, Advisor

Staff

MaryAnn McDermott, CED
Ext 106
Donna Harrer, PT
Ext. 100
Cathy Yardley, FLO
(775) 738-645
Ext. 106



SIGN-UP DATES -- NEW LIVESTOCK AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS

Sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program have been announced. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (**LCP**) and Livestock Indemnity Program (**LIP**) starting **September 10, 2007**. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (**CDP**) beginning **October 15, 2007**, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

LCP compensates livestock producers for **feed losses** and **LIP** for **livestock losses** occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered **quantity and quality losses** to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters **if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007**. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. Contact the FSA county office for more details.

NAP DEADLINE APPROACHING

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) deadline for fall seeded crops is approaching. NAP is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production for an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance.

October 31st is the final date for purchasing **NAP for forage**, and **December 1st** is the final date for purchasing **NAP for grazing**.

Producers who had NAP coverage may choose to continue coverage on the same crops for next year, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crops.

Producers who choose to add or delete a crop from the previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471, with signatures, and pay the applicable service fee. Producers with NAP coverage are required to 1) file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of when a loss is apparent; 2) timely file acreage reports; and 3) keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods.

SELECTING A NEW ADMIN OFFICE

With today's farming operations covering more than one county, producers have the option to combine their farm records in the FSA office of their choice for convenience. This option is now available to producers for the ease of servicing FSA program participation on farms in multiple counties.

Ordinarily Farm Service Agency procedure dictated that farm units were administered in the county office where the land was physi-

cally located. That restriction created the following problems:



- Producers had to visit two or more FSA offices for each task they wished to complete.
- Producers needed to keep production separate for LDP purposes, potentially leading to problems and lost benefits.
- Duplication of some tasks by the affected FSA offices and delayed payments as paperwork was transmitted between counties.

Changing to a new administrative office allows a producer to transfer farm records to a neighboring county office if they can document to FSA that the change would be “significantly” more convenient. This selection is a one time selection for the current operator and land owner. The operator and land owner must agree to do business in the new administrative county once the records are transferred. However, a new operator would have the option of transferring the land to another county in the future.



COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations for the county committee election were due in the county office by August 1, 2007. **Mailing** of ballots will begin **November 2, 2007**. Voters have until **December 3, 2007**, to return their properly completed **ballots** to the county office. Elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2008.

Prospective Voter Requirements - Anyone who meets the requirements in either, 1 or 2, as well as item number 3, is eligible to vote for county committee members.

1. Voter is of legal voting age and participates or cooperates in any FSA program, or
2. The voter is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm.
3. The voter must also be eligible to participate in any FSA program provided by law, regardless of the status of funding.

Discrimination Prohibited - No person shall be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

If you have any questions about your voter eligibility, please contact your county office staff

PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

USDA payments and benefits are subject to producer eligibility and limitation provisions as defined by law. Documents and forms to determine eligibility and limitation once completed are reviewed on an annual basis.

It is the producer’s responsibility to report changes in the farming operation that may affect payment eligibility and payment limitation.

The following limitations apply to Direct and Counter-cyclical Program payments for each contract year. For all covered commodities (except peanuts): \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for counter-cyclical payments.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program has a \$450,000 payment limitation.

Entities such as corporations, limited partnerships, trusts and estates are required to provide names, addresses, and ID numbers of their members. These entities should also identify every payment under more than one entity.

Adjusted Gross Income - Effective through 2008, an individual or entity shall not be eligible for certain program benefits during a crop, program or fiscal year if both of the following apply.

- The three-year average of the adjusted gross income for the individual or entity exceeds \$2.5 million; and
- Less than 75 percent of the average AGI is derived from farming, ranching or forestry operations.



REPORTING LOSSES



If you had any failed crop acres, give serious thought to reporting them before destroying crop evidence. If Congress authorizes a crop disaster program in the future, proof of failed acreage may be required for your participation.

It's important to report failed acreage not brought to harvest to the county office staff prior to destruction. Ensuring that failed acres are documented could be the determining factor in whether you are eligible for future crop disaster program payments.

If you are experiencing low crop yields, you should keep good production records, but you don't need to report this acreage right now.



LOAN AND LDP INFORMATION

Loans or LDPs are available for producers who share in the risk of producing crops. To be eligible, you must maintain beneficial interest (maintain title, control of the crop) in the crop through the time of application. Producers who have contracted the commodity, sold directly off the field, or immediately fed the commodity should have filed a CCC-633EZ page 1 to maintain eligibility for an LDP. The CCC-633EZ page 1 needs be signed prior to harvest.

Electronic Loan Deficiency Payments (eLDP) are available to producers who have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. The eLDP is an internet based service allowing producers to request certified LDPs on line and, in most cases receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours.



Commodities harvested for other than grain (such as hay or silage) are also eligible for LDPs. Applications should be made prior to feeding or selling. The maximum eligible quantity is based on actual production of grain for the farm. Producers that want to ensure the use of their own yield should request measurement service for farm stored commodities prior to feeding. If actual production is not available, the county committee will assign a yield based on three similar farms in your area. Yield for crops that sustained weather damage will be based on the insurance appraisal.

AG CENSUS

IMPORTANT! Census Forms will be mailed out on December 28, 2007, to collect data for the 2007 calendar year. Completed forms are due by February 4, 2008. Producers can return their forms by mail or, for the first time, have the option of filling out the Census online via a secure website.

Conducted every year by USDA, the Census is a complete count of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. The Census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures and other topics. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

For more information visit:
www.agcensus.usda.gov online.

Selected Interest Rates September 2007

90-Day Treasury Bill	4.875%
Farm Operating - Direct	5.500%
Farm Ownership - Direct	5.750%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4.000%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility	4.625%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	5.750%

**WINNEMUCCA FSA
OFFICE
1200 E. WINN. BLVD
WINNEMUCCA NV 89445**



**PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
DAVIS, CA
PERMIT #22**

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Five-member Humboldt/Lander County Farm Service Agency committee meets once a month. The committee has established 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month as its regular meeting time and the Winnemucca FSA office as its meeting place.

We will post a notice on the county office bulletin board if the committee must reschedule the time or place of its next meeting.

County committee members are :

- Chairman Darrell Taylor representing LAA 1
- Dick Williams representing LAA 2
- Bob Buckingham representing LAA 3
- Dennis Cawres representing LAA 4
- Rob Wohle representing LAA 5
- Arlo Crutcher Minority Advisor

Dates to Remember	
Sep 3	Office Closed – Labor Day Holiday
Oct 8	Office Closed – Columbus Day
Oct 26	Nevada Day
Oct 31	Deadline – purchase NAP for forage
Nov 23	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
Dec 1	Deadline – purchase NAP for grazing
Continues	Grasslands Reserve Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audio-tape, etc.) should contact USDA’s TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-9410, or call 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.