



# YOLO COUNTY FSA NEWS



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**Yolo County FSA**

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**Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**County Committee:**

Bob Paschoal, Chairperson  
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*Columbus*

This office will be closed on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day

**AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2007 SIGN-UPS BEGIN**

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning September 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning October 15, 2007 if they suffered crop production losses; quality loss sign-ups will be announced at a later date.

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses. LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses. For both programs, qualifying losses must have occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007 due to a natural disaster. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007 are eligible, as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the

2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years may choose only one year for which they want to apply for LCP or LIP benefits.

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 February 28, 2007 or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before February 28, 2007. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35% to be eligible for CDP. The payment rate will be 42%; a 95% cap will apply. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 may choose only one year to apply for benefits, but may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

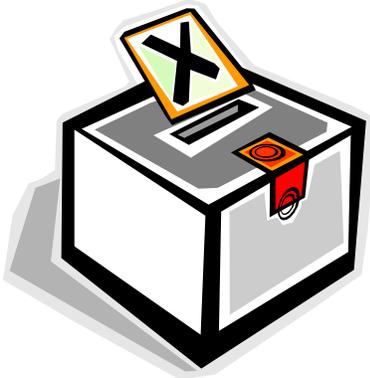
Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.



## **LAA-1 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to all farmers and ranchers. County committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U. S. Department of Agriculture and are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA.

A county or area served by the county committee is divided into local administrative areas (LAA). A member who serves a three-year term on the county committee represents each LAA. Elections are held on a rotating basis each fall. This year's candidates for LAA-1, which includes Yolo County land west of I-5 and I-505, are:



Rudy Lucero, Jr. was born and raised in Yolo County. He graduated from Davis High School and UC Davis and served for four years in the United States Coast Guard. Rudy works for Pacific Coast Producers

and serves on the Yolo County Resource Conservation District and the Capay Valley Advisory Committee. Rudy lives with his wife Allison and daughters Roxanne and Avalon in Capay.

Bob Paschoal grew up on a dairy in San Jose. He moved to Winters in 1963 to farm and raised his children Debbie, Rob, Nicole and Mike there. He and his wife Laura grow alfalfa, rice, wheat, safflower and walnuts. Bob serves as a director on the California Rice Commission, California Dry Bean Advisory Board and the Yolo County Farm Bureau. He has been the COC member for LAA-1 since 2005.

Farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers of legal voting age can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program.

Ballots will be mailed to voters by November 2, 2007 and must be returned to the FSA county office or be postmarked by December 3, 2007. If you don't receive a ballot in the mail by mid-November, please call this office and we will make arrangements to have you come in and complete a walk-in ballot.

### **2007 DCP DEADLINE**

Direct and Counter-cyclical Program Contracts (CCC-

509) for 2007 for which missing signatures are obtained after August 3, 2007 will be considered late-filed and will be assessed a late-filed sign-up fee of \$100 per farm. The late-filed fee must be paid before the contract can be approved for payment. Mailed contracts must be postmarked by Saturday, September 29, 2007. The last day that 2007 CCC-509's can be initiated in the county office is Friday, September 28, 2007.

If your farm has not been signed up for 2007, please call TODAY to make an appointment.

### **DCP SUCCESSION- IN-INTEREST**

If your interest in a farm is lost, transferred or sold prior to September 30, 2007, you are not eligible for 2007 DCP payments. Producers who received 2007 advance DCP payments and subsequently fail to meet the definition of a producer will be required to refund those payments, even in those cases where the predecessor was considered to be a producer at the time the advance payments were issued. Grant deeds must be submitted to change ownership. Requests not completed by **September 28, 2007** will require the cancellation of the CCC-509 and refund of 2007 advance direct payments.

**MANAGED HAYING AND  
GRAZING ON CRP  
ACREAGE**

The State Technical Committee approved the following periods for managed haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage as recommended by the Yolo County FSA Committee (COC):

Managed Haying Period:

- January 1 - March 31

Managed Grazing Periods:  
Producers may elect **either:**

- October 1-  
November 29 (60-  
day) **and**
- January 31-March  
31 (60-day)

**Or:**

- December 1-March  
30 (120-day)

CRP participants approved for managed haying or grazing shall: 1) contact Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to obtain a modified conservation plan that includes managed haying or grazing; 2) receive written notification from the COC that managed haying or grazing is authorized **before** livestock are placed on CRP acreage; 3) be assessed a payment reduction of the number of acres actually hayed or grazed x the CRP per acre annual rental payment x 25 per cent; 4) re-establish

the cover, at their own expense, if the cover fails as a result of managed haying or grazing; 5) hay or graze only during the above periods and not exceed the applicable consecutive days; 6) not hay or graze the same acreage more often than 1 out of every 3 years; and 7) report the number of acres actually hayed or grazed. Eligible livestock producers who are renting or subleasing eligible CRP acreage may not sublease the CRP acreage.



**COMMODITY LOANS**

A lien search must be completed by all producers requesting a commodity loan. Loans will not be disbursed until county and state liens searches are completed and applicable lien waivers have been signed and returned to the County Office. A new lien search is required for every loan. Producers should request a lien search at the county office where they will be putting their commodity under loan two weeks prior to bringing in the warehouse receipts for warehouse stored loans.

Producers can request to lock in a repayment rate for the purpose of repaying an outstanding CCC loan with cash only.

A commodity certificate exchange must not be applied to any quantity for which an outstanding CCC-697 exists. The CCC-697 form has been revised for the producer to acknowledge his or her understanding of the agreement to the locked-in repayment rate terms and conditions.

**LATE-FILED ACREAGE  
REPORTS (FSA-578)**

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 requires that acreage reports for all cropland be filed by producers who participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program; request a loan deficiency payment or a commodity loan; participate in the Conservation Reserve Program; grow an uninsurable crop that may need disaster protection; or participate in the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

The County Committee may accept late-filed FSA-578's as timely filed if the operator pays the cost for a farm visit and administrative fees for verifying and determining the crop acreage; physical evidence of the late-filed crop or crop residue exists; AND the crop's use can be verified.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**IT IS THE PRODUCER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE  
COUNTY OFFICE TO MEET DEADLINES**

9/10/2007	Livestock Indemnity Program sign-up begins
9/30/2007	2007 DCP sign-up deadline
	2002 Farm Bill expires
Sept 2007	2006 DCP final CC GS, cotton and peanuts rates announced
10/01/2007	Beginning of first 60-day managed grazing period on CRP
	NAP application closing date – fall-planted garlic
10/08/2007	Columbus Day – office closed
10/15/2007	Crop Disaster Program sign-up begins
Oct 2007	2006 final CC corn and soybean rates announced
11/11/2007	Veterans Day – office closed
11/22/2007	Thanksgiving Day – office closed
11/29/2007	End of first 60-day managed grazing period on CRP
12/01/2007	Beginning of 120-day managed grazing period on CRP
	NAP application closing date – honey
12/03/2007	Final date to submit LAA-1 election ballots
12/15/2007	NAP application closing date – fruit & nut tree crops
12/25/2007	Christmas Day – office closed
Dec 2007	2007 DCP advance CC wheat, oats and barley rates announced

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