

HARDING COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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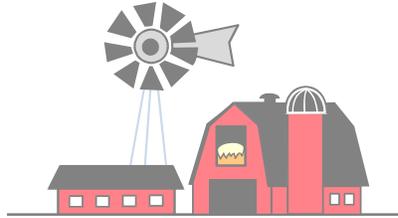
Jerry Thurman, CED
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COC REGULAR MEETINGS:

First Thursday of
Each Month at 9:00 AM
March meeting in Logan on the 21st.

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Monday – Friday



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March 2007

DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP) – The annual DCP sign-up continues! You have until June 1, 2007 to sign up. All supporting paperwork must be completed before payments can be issued. The Direct advance payment is 22% of the total amount for 2007, with the remainder to be paid in October. For more program information please contact the office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE-We are in the process of updating our records and may need additional information from you. If we contact you and request additional information or forms please respond as soon as possible as program payments may be delayed if information or documentation is not provided timely.

LOW INTEREST LOANS AVAILABLE- Producers who suffered physical losses due to severe winter storms and record breaking snows the last five weeks are eligible to apply for emergency low interest loans from FSA. Please contact this office for more information.

2006 GRAZING LOSS- The FSA State committee with concurrence from the State NRCS and State Extension Service has established the grazing loss for the county to be 0 %. This is based on the abnormal amount of rainfall received during the last half of 2006.

HAY WEB SITE- Producers can post and read adds for hay needed and hay for sale on the new FSA Hay Net website. Producers are encouraged to use this site to help elevate the struggle in finding hay when there is a shortage. Access this site at www.fsa.usda.gov/nm and click on the "Hay Net Website" under the "Hot Links" section on the right side of the page.

CRP MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED--Since part of your annual CRP payment is for maintenance, you are required to maintain your CRP grass cover by keeping it free of invasive species such as weeds, trees and cactus. Failure to do so could result in payment reductions or contract cancellation with payback of all monies received. **You are required to have adequate grass cover** on your CRP fields as well. If your grass cover has failed in spots, then you need to reseed at the next available opportunity. FSA is required to spot check a certain amount of CRP every year so **PLEASE MAINTAIN YOUR CRP GRASS COVER.**

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) - Deadlines to pay \$100 Administration Fee:

*March 15 -- Millet, Sorghum and Beans

*September 30 – Oats, Triticale, and Wheat

Check with our office for crops not included above.

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DEADLINE TO PURCHASE NAP COVERAGE- March 15, 2007 is the last day to purchase NAP insurance for Millet Sorghum and Beans.

CERTIFICATION DEADLINE- Fall and spring seeded crops must be reported by May 15, 2007. All other crops, including CRP, must be reported by July 15, 2007.

NAP crops must be **certified 15 days prior to any harvest or grazing.

**Producers who have a loss must file a Notice of Loss in this office within 15 calendar days following the occurrence of prevented planting, end of the planting period, the disaster event, or date damage to the crop acreage is apparent.

Note: Forage production should be turned in as soon as possible after final cutting.

Production records must be filed to establish an approved NAP yield and maintain Actual Production History for program benefits. **JULY 15 is the deadline for reporting 2006 production. It is very important to report production. NAP regulations require production be reported as verifiable or reliable whether sold commercially or disposed of on the farm. All records must be dated and signed by buyer/seller. **A paid-for measurement service from FSA is available to substantiate production.**

****Verifiable** records are contemporaneous records that may be verified by CCC through an independent source and are used to substantiate production. Verifiable records shall be dated, show disposition of quantity of crop, and be seasonal.

****Reliable** records may include copies of receipts, ledger sheets, deposit records, register tapes, custom harvest invoices, records to verify input costs, or diaries.

RECORD CHANGES - Contact the Harding County FSA Office if there are any changes to your farming operation such as:

- * Name/Address/Telephone * Direct Deposit information * Death of owner/operator
- * Private/state leases * Change in owner/operator * Change in partnership, corporation, trust, estate, etc

Failure to report these changes can result in loss of benefits.

OFFICE CLOSURE- The Harding County FSA Office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13 & 14, 2007 for a District training meeting in Albuquerque. The office will re-open on the 15th of March.

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