

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE      UNION COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY  
18 NORTH SECOND STREET CLAYTON, NM 88415      March 1, 2007 NEWSLETTER  
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**COUNTY COMMITTEE:**  
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**COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING:**  
Second Thursday of each Month

Gary Rudolph, CED  
Sharon Sayre, PT  
Betty Dellinger, PT  
Loretta Vigil, PT-FLP  
Dennis Fallwell, FLO  
Rhonda Lewis, Farm Loan Mgr.  
OFFICE HOURS: 7:00 am to 4:30 pm



## IMPORTANT DATES

June 1 DCP signup ends.  
May 15, Deadline for small grains certification.  
July 15, Deadline to certify spring seeded crops and CRP.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING PRODUCER RECORDS

The FSA office is in the process of updating producer records to maintain compliance with USDA provisions. We have sent out forms and requested various information from several producers. If you have received a letter from the office requesting updated forms be filed, please do not delay in getting this done. The FSA office must have proper producer records to stay in compliance. In certain cases producers who do not have complete records are required to pay back payments they have received under various programs. We will not be able to issue 2007 payments until appropriate records are updated. Don't let this happen to you.

## DCP SIGNUP

Signup for 2007 DCP is underway. Producers are reminded that they must signup annually for DCP.

All producers who share in the risk of producing a crop are eligible to share in the DCP payment. All producers sharing in the DCP payment must sign the DCP contract. Producers may request advance payments. Signup ends June 1.

## GENERAL RULES FOR SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Signature authority must be on file in the FSA office for anyone signing on behalf of another. The following types of signature authority may be acceptable.

- Corporate Charter
- Trust Agreement
- Partnership Agreement
- Notarization or affixed official seal
- Court order
- Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided.

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### **2007 ADVANCED DCP PAYMENT RATES**

Producers are reminded the advanced payment rate for 2007 contracts, is 22%. Producers may request payment in any month from December to September, during the contract period.

### **FARM OPERATION CHANGES**

If you have made changes to your farming operation you need to notify the FSA office so appropriate updates can be made. Relevant changes include but are not limited to, acquired or relinquished land, partner or operator changes.

### **BANK/DIRECT DEPOSIT INFO.**

Please be advised. If you change banks, you need to let the FSA office know so your records can be updated and payments can be issued appropriately.

### **WEED CONTROL**

DCP and CRP regulations require producers to control weeds on acres enrolled in these programs. Penalties or loss of program benefits can occur for non-compliance.

### **TREES FOR SALE**

The Northeast Soil & Water Conservation District will be conducting their tree sale again this year. Trees are expected to arrive the first week of April. For more information contact the NRCS office in Clayton at 374-9461 ext. 3.