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IMPORTANT DATES:

October 31st - 2011 NAP
Coverage Deadline

Website

www.fsa.usda.gov



FSA NEWS

Servicing Coconino, Mohave, and Yavapai Counties

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2011 NON-INSURED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP covers losses on non-insurable crops such as rangeland in the event of a natural disaster such as drought or fire. NAP provides indemnity payments for losses that exceed 50%.

The NAP application fee costs \$250 per crop per county, up to \$750 maximum for single county farmers or ranchers and \$1,875 maximum for multi-county operators. Ranchers who maintain rangeland in more than one county must purchase NAP for each county in order for their rangeland within that county to be eligible for NAP or programs linked to NAP.

2011 continuous coverage is now available and the application closing date is:

October 31, 2010

If you wish to apply or continue coverage for 2011, please submit form **CCC-471** (NAP Application). Your application and *service fee of **\$250** must be received in the office by close of business on **October 31, 2010**. Please make check(s) payable to: **“CCC”** or **“Commodity Credit Corporation.”**

***NO SERVICE FEE REQUIRED FOR LIMITED RESOURCE PRODUCERS**

To qualify as a limited resource producer, your Gross Farm Sales for each of the past two years must be less than \$142,000 AND;

If you live in **Coconino County** your household income is **\$24,749** or less, or

If you live in **Mohave County** your household income is **\$22,050** or less, or

If you live in **Yavapai County** your household income is **\$22,566** or less.

If you meet both of these requirements you qualify as a “Limited Resource Producer” and **NO “Service Fee”** is required.

In addition, under the new Ag Disaster Assistance Program, NAP coverage **is required** in order to be eligible for the new **Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)**.



2010 LFP Payment Triggered for Northern Arizona Counties

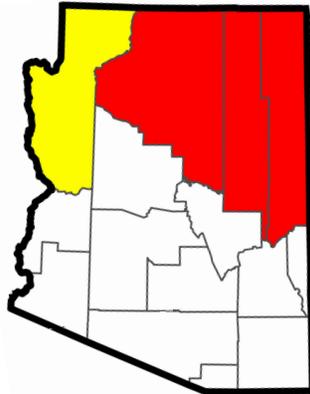
The USDA has declared Apache, **Coconino, Mohave** and Navajo Counties eligible for 2010 drought relief payments under the **Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)**.

Coconino County was rated by the US Drought Monitor as sustaining a D3 intensity drought for 4 weeks allowing eligible producers to apply for a 3 month payment.

Mohave County was rated as a D2 intensity allowing eligible producers to apply for a 1 month payment.

Only those livestock producers who purchased NAP insurance for 2010 are eligible for 2010 LFP benefits.

“Equitable relief” provisions are not available for 2010. Waivers apply for producers who qualify as Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource or Beginning Farmer/Ranchers. Livestock producers on the Navajo Nation who maintain a valid grazing permit are eligible for benefits.



The Flagstaff FSA office has begun accepting applications for 2010 LFP benefits. Please contact your local FSA office for application forms and additional information.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT PROCESS

Any person, class or group of persons may file a discrimination complaint within 180 days of an alleged discriminatory action. Complaints may be filed in writing or orally with the agency head or any designated agency official; the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Assistance in filing a complaint can be obtained by calling or visiting any FSA office.



Change in Farming Operations?

Update signature authorization when changes in the operation occur. Producers are reminded to

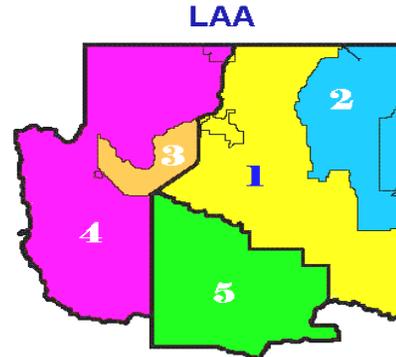
contact the office of a change in operations on a farm so records can be kept current and accurate or visiting any FSA office.

VOTE!

UPCOMING COC ELECTIONS



The Flagstaff FSA Service Center administers the three county area of Coconino, Mohave and Yavapai counties. This area is represented by a five-member County Committee (COC), each member representing a specific area within the three counties. In 2010, the representative seats from Local Administrative Areas (LAA) 1 & 2 will be up for election. LAA 1 covers Coconino County except for the Navajo Reservation portion and LAA 2 covers the Navajo Reservation portion of Coconino County. The slate of candidates for the 2010 election is as follows:



**LAA 1 - Marilyn “Mell” Savoini (Incumbent)
Steve Drye**

**LAA 2 - Nathan Kilgore (Incumbent)
Jonathan Haskie**

Write-in candidates are also accepted as long as the candidate meets eligibility requirements.

COC members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. COC members are elected by and represent agricultural producers of legal voting age that participate or cooperate in any FSA program. **It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).**

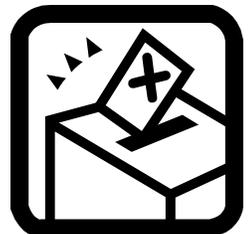
Election Timeline:

November 5, 2010 Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters.

December 6, 2010 Voters must return completed ballots to the local FSA Service Center.

Your vote counts! So please make every effort to complete and return your ballot. For more information on County Committee Elections you can go online at:

www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or visit the Flagstaff FSA Service Center.





2010 Wool & Mohair LDP Program



The Wool and Mohair LDP program is designed to support the wool and mohair industry by supplementing the price producers receive for their product when market prices fall below a minimum ("Loan") level.

The CCC-633 EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request form, is now available for producers to request 2010 Wool/Mohair LDP benefits.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SELL TO SIGN THE CCC-633EZ Pg. 1

The CCC-633 EZ for wool and mohair requires 2 page forms:

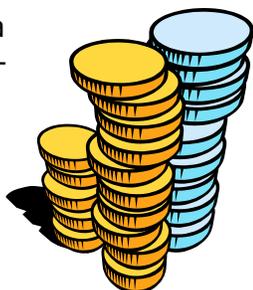
- **Page 1** includes terms and conditions, and serves as your intention to request and receive LDP benefits and **must be filed BEFORE YOU SELL your wool or mohair.** *Page 1 was recently mailed to all wool and mohair producers that applied for benefits in prior years.*
- **Page 4** is the request for payment sheet which must be filed, along with the sales receipt, after you sell your wool or mohair. *Producers can request LDP payment any time up until January 31, 2011.*

Payment rates depend on the date the producer sells or relinquishes beneficial interest in their wool/mohair. LDP rates can be viewed at www.fsa.usda.gov and by clicking on the applicable region.

In addition, under the new 2008 Farm Bill, you are **required** to sign new eligibility forms before any payments can be issued. Please contact or come in to our office for the details on these forms.

BANKING CHANGES?

FSA requires that program payments be issued by direct deposit unless a hardship form has been filed. Any producer who has direct deposit but has made changes to their banking information such as a new account number, routing number or account type, must notify their FSA office immediately and provide the updated information. Without this updated banking information, payments could be delayed.



FSA Program Participation - Its Up To You

It is the stated mission of the Farm Service Agency to "equitably serve all farmers, ranchers and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans." In order to realize this mission, the FSA has strategically placed county offices in areas so as to service as many producers as possible while maintaining an effective and efficient workforce. While we, the FSA county office employees, are always ready and willing to serve any and all of our agricultural producers, the extensive area serviced by our office makes it impractical, if not impossible for us to provide individual attention to each and everyone of our producers. Therefore, it is ultimately the responsibility of each individual producer to take the necessary actions required to participate in FSA programs. Producers need to make every effort to keep informed of current programs and relevant deadlines. It is also the producer's responsibility to obtain, complete and submit any and all documents required for participation in FSA programs. Our office has and will continue to make every effort to disseminate information about the FSA and FSA programs in order to reach all producers in the area serviced by our office.

Because the rules and regulations governing FSA programs can be complex, our office is not only obligated, but more than happy to answer your questions and concerns about any programs we administer. We encourage everyone who requires information, forms, etc. to contact us. It is our job to help you understand FSA programs and to assist you in completing FSA forms and documents. We truly enjoy working with our customers and look forward to establishing and maintaining cordial working relationships with everyone.

Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the Farm Service Agency county office staff, and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are necessary.

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Important Reminders/Deadlines

- September 6, 2010: Office Closed - Labor Day Observance
- October 31, 2010: 2011 NAP application deadline
- November 5, 2010: Ballots mailed to eligible voters.
- December 6, 2010: Last day to return voted ballots to the local FSA office.
- January 1, 2011: Elected committee members and alternates take office.
- January 31, 2010: Last day to submit 2010 Wool/Mohair LDP receipts



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