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Tehama County News

2005 PRUNES, 2006 OLIVES, 2007 PRUNES, ??????????

If you experienced any of these losses, you are probably eligible for a **DIRECT** disaster payment from your FSA Office. In addition to the crops named above, you are eligible for a disaster payment if your **INSURED** or **NAP-COVERED CROP** had a loss in **EXCESS OF 35%**. That means insured or NAP-covered crops such as walnuts, almonds, grapes, apples, and honey that had a crop loss in excess of 35% due to weather are also eligible for \$

Even if you have received a payment from crop insurance or NAP, you are eligible for additional monies from FSA for the **2005, 2006, 2007 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)**.

The Tehama County FSA Office has already issued \$2.3 million in CDP payments to 160 growers in 2008. If you don't apply soon, you may miss out. Call Sue or Donna for an appointment at 527-3013 ext 2. Don't delay any longer.

COW DEATHS IN 2006, RANGELAND LOSS DUE TO DROUGHT IN 2007 ????

The FSA office has been taking Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) applications for cow deaths in July, 2006, due to excessive heat. We have made three payments to dairy operators that qualified for this program.

The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) is the major program we have for Tehama County livestock operators. If you had rangeland in 2007 that was poor due to the drought conditions, you are most likely eligible for an LCP payment. In 2008, the Tehama County FSA office has taken 60 applications and paid out \$200,000. During the last livestock feed program, we processed over 300 applications.

The maximum payment works out to about \$10/ adult animal. An ending sign up date has not been announced, but could happen any time. So if you need a little bump to help offset the high cost of feed, make an appointment **ASAP** with George or Sandy at the FSA Office in Red Bluff at 527-3013 ext 2.



2008 GRAZING YEAR

The only program that covers the poor range conditions for 2008 is NAP. If you have NAP coverage for your pasture/rangeland make sure you file a "Notice of Loss" with Sue when you decide you have a loss (probably now) and what the cause is (probably continued drought). If you have a loss in excess of 50% on all of your Tehama County pasture/rangeland (including irrigated), you may be eligible for a NAP payment.

REMEMBER, NAP IS DIFFERENT FROM LCP. You paid \$100 for your Tehama County NAP coverage. LCP is part of the National disaster legislation that included CDP, LIP, LCP, and many other programs from 2005-2007.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Dave Lester for his election to the Tehama County FSA County Committee. Pablo Nerey has been elected first alternate, and George Lindner was elected second alternate.



These members will be serving the farmers/ranchers of the southwest area of Tehama County, West of the Sacramento River from Gyle Rd on the north to the Glenn County line on the south,.

For 2007, James Brandt will serve as chairman and Gerri Larson as vice-chairman.

NON INSURED CROP ASSISTANCE (NAP)

The NAP program covers crops not insured by "crop insurance". Producers must annually provide an acreage report and production evidence for each covered crop by July 15. The NAP fee is \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per county. The service fee must be paid prior to the eligible crop sales closing date.

***** **Upcoming sales closing dates for 2009 include:** *****

Fall planted grain/hay	August 1, 2008
Pasture/rangeland (forage grazing)	September 1, 2008
Honey	December 1, 2008
Most orchard crops, (e.g. Olives, Pistachios, Pecans):	December 15, 2008
Kiwi, Strawberries:	December 15, 2008
Citrus for 2010 crop	January 1, 2009
Apples	January 31, 2009
All other spring seeded annuals	March 1, 2009

FOREIGN LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Foreign investors who buy, sell, or hold a direct or indirect interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings, and transactions to the Farm Service Agency within 90 days of closing. Failure to timely file an accurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25% of the fair market value of the agricultural land. Realtors, attorneys, and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES



All payments issued by the county FSA offices are directly deposited (electronic funds transfer) in a bank account designated by the payee.

If you change banks or account numbers, please notify the FSA office to insure that your payments are deposited timely.

SPOUSAL SIGNATURES



Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA programs. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office by either spouse.

CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

All participants in USDA programs are required to have a conservation system in place on all the highly erodible land (HEL) that they farm. Problems can arise from changes like renting or purchasing new land or “breaking out” new cropland. It is also very important that you contact the FSA or NRCS office before “moving dirt”. If you have any questions call FSA or NRCS at 527-3013



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP)

Applications for the USDA NRCS conservation programs are accepted on a continuous basis. Applicants with a conservation plan are given priority. For more information and details on conservation planning, contact the Tehama County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Office at (530) 527-3013 Ext 3.

DAIRY DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM III SIGNUP



Eligible dairy producers who suffered production losses during 2005, 2006, or 2007 may now apply for the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program III (DDAP III). THE SIGNUP PERIOD ENDS MAY 5, 2008. Call Sue at 527-3013, ext 2 for an appointment.

Agriculture Census Information Online

The Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years and the deadline for producers to turn the forms in was Feb. 4. However a large number of the census forms have not been returned according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). June 1, 2008, is the new final date to return census forms



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COMPLAINT PROCESS

After an FSA official makes a determination on your request for USDA services or application, you will be sent a letter informing you of the decision and options you can pursue if you disagree.

Generally, program participants have three choices – an informal review with the original agency decision-maker, an opportunity for mediation, and appeal to the USDA National Appeals Division (NAD).

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