



# YOLO COUNTY FSA NEWS



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**Yolo County FSA**

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**Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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This office will be closed  
on Wednesday, November  
11<sup>th</sup> in observance of  
Veterans Day

**SIGN UP UNDERWAY  
FOR 2010 DCP/ACRE**

Signups for the 2010 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue (ACRE) Programs end **June 1, 2010**.

FSA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive *direct* payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2010, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22% of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. *Counter-cyclical* payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 provides for the ACRE Program, which is an irrevocable alternative to DCP that reduces direct payments by 20 per cent and loan rates by per cent and eliminates counter-cyclical payments on participating farms. It provides producers with an option

to protect against declines in market revenue on planted acreage of the commodity crop.

**2008-09 LFP/ELAP  
SIGNUPS ANNOUNCED**

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to either drought conditions or fire on federally managed land.

County Committees can accept applications for drought only after a qualifying drought has been designated or if normal grazing on federally managed lands is prohibited due to a qualifying fire.

Losses must occur in the calendar year for which the application is being filed. 2008 LFP applications and *all supporting documentation* must be filed by **December 10, 2009**. For 2009 and subsequent years, applications and *all supporting documentation* must be filed no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in

which the grazing losses occurred (**January 30, 2010 for 2009**). There are no late file provisions for LFP.

The Emergency Program for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP) provides compensation to eligible producers for eligible losses not covered by the Livestock Indemnity (LIP), Livestock Forage Disaster (LFP) or Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) programs.

For 2008 calendar year losses, producers must submit a notice of loss, application for payment and *all supporting documentation* in their administrative county office no later than **December 10, 2009**; the deadline for the 2009 calendar year is **January 30, 2010**. There are no late filed provisions for ELAP.

### **2008 DCP FINAL CC PAYMENT RATES**

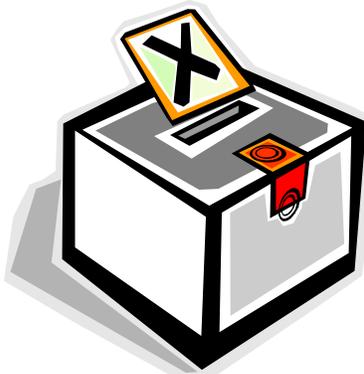
The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 provides for counter-cyclical (CC) payments for covered commodities and oilseeds for crop years 2008 – 2012.

The 2008 DCP final CC payment rate for upland cotton is \$0.1258; final 2008 CC payment rates for wheat, barley, oats corn, sorghum and soybeans are zero because their effective prices (the

direct payment rate plus the higher of the national average loan rate or the national average farm price) equaled or exceeded their respective target prices.

### **LAA-2 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's) whose members serve three-year rotating terms.

Ballots for LAA-2 (the land east of I-505, west of County Road 102 and north of I-5) will be mailed to eligible voters November 6, 2009 and must be completed, *signed* and returned to the applicable FSA County Office by the close of business **December 7, 2009**.

### **RECORD CHANGES**

Participation in FSA farm programs requires all records to be accurate and up to date. *It is the producer's responsibility* to inform FSA of changes to his/her farming operation including, but not limited to land ownership changes, adding or dropping a tract of land (leases), entity type or ID number changes, marriage, divorce, deaths or changes in financial institution receiving electronic fund transfers. A copy of the deed must be submitted for ownership changes; copies of written lease agreements must be submitted for all cash and share leases.

### **FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS**

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The maximum principal amount of an FSFL loan is \$500,000. Interest rates for 7-, 10- or 12-year terms may differ and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the US Treasury Department.

Applications for an FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records and must be approved before any site

preparation or construction can begin.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain; corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain; pulse crops; hay; renewable biomass; and cold storage facilities for fruits, nuts and vegetables.

### **MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS**

Marketing Assistance Loans are available to producers who share in the risk of producing and maintain beneficial interest (title, risk and control) in a crop from harvest through the earlier of the date the loan is repaid or CCC takes title to the commodity.



To receive a market loan gain, producers must also meet "person," "actively engaged" and average adjusted gross income requirements; comply with highly erodible land and wetlands conservation requirements; report all

cropland on the farm; and ensure that the commodity meets CCC minimum grade and quality standards, which must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.

### **NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops (those for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available) when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to eligible natural disasters. NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50% of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers must apply for coverage of noninsurable crops and pay the applicable service fees at their local FSA office by the application closing date. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 per producer with farming interest in multiple counties. Limited resource producers may request a waiver of service fees.

To remain eligible for NAP assistance, the name of the crop, type and variety,

location and acreage of the crop, share of the crop and the names of other producers with an interest in the crop, type of practice used to grow the crop, date the crop was planted in each field, intended use of the commodity and production information (quantity, disposition and verifiable records) must be provided annually. A new application for coverage is required only from those producers who choose to add or delete crop(s) from the previous year's coverage or who are changing crop shares.

### **MANAGED HAYING AND GRAZING ON CRP**

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).

Livestock may not graze on CRP land until written approval is received from the Yolo County FSA Committee.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

11/11/2009	Veterans Day – office closed
11/26/2009	Thanksgiving Day – office closed
11/29/2009	End of first 60-day managed grazing period on CRP
12/01/2009	NAP ACD's – 2010 forage (grazed), honey, onions Beginning of CRP 120-day managed grazing period
12/07/2009	Deadline to return LAA-2 ballots
12/10/2009	Deadline – 2008 LFP/ELAP
12/15/2009	NAP ACD – 2010 fruit (except apple) and nut trees (NOTE: NAP coverage is no longer available on any crop that is insurable in the county at any level of maturity [no more young orchards])
12/25/2009	Christmas Day – office closed
01/01/2010	New Year's Day – office closed NAP ACD – 2011 avocado and citrus
01/18/2010	Martin Luther King Birthday – office closed
01/30/2010	Deadline – 2009 LFP/ELAP
01/31/2010	NAP ACD – 2010 apples Final loan/LDP availability date for 2009 mohair, unshorn pelts and wool Beginning date for grazing of CRP acres (2nd 60-day)

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