



DE BACA COUNTY COURIER



August 2008

September 2008

IMPORTANT DATES	
August 1	Postmark deadline for nominations for COC representative of LAA
August 1	Final Date to request a farm reconstitution for 2008 DCP Program
August 15	Deadline (extended) to certify Spring planted crops including CRP

IMPORTANT DATES	
September 1	Office Closed LABOR DAY
September 16	Deadline for buy-in for the Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance Programs
September 22	Autumn begins
September 30	Deadline to enroll in 2008 DCP Program
September 30	Deadline to pay NAP Admin Fee for Barley, Canola, Oats, Rye, Triticale & Wheat

2009 EQIP Deadline - October 16, 2008: All paperwork must be submitted to NRCS.

Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) Enrollment is open NOW through September 30, 2008 and provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for the 2008-2012 crop years. To be eligible for DCP payments, owners, operators, landlords, tenants and sharecroppers must:

- share in the risk of producing a crop on base acres on a farm enrolled in DCP, and be entitled to share in the crop available for marketing from the base acres or would have shared had a crop been produced;
- Annually report the use of the farm's cropland acreage;
- Comply with the conservation and wetland protection requirements on all of their land;
- Comply with planting flexibility requirements;
- Use the base acres for agricultural or related activities; and
- Protect all base acres from erosion, including providing sufficient cover as determined necessary by the county FSA committee, and control weeds.

Base acres and payment yields are established for the following commodities for 2008: barley, corn, grain sorghum, oats, canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sesame seed and sunflower seed, peanuts, long grain rice, medium grain rice excluding wild rice, soybeans, upland cotton, and wheat. USDA 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 2008, eligible producers may request to receive an advance payment of 22% of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments as soon as practical after enrollment. Final direct payments will be issued in October. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

The 2008 Farm Bill provides that producers on farms with DCP base acres that total 10 acres or less will not receive a direct, counter-cyclical, or average crop revenue election program payment, unless the farm is wholly owned by a socially disadvantaged or a limited resource farmer or rancher. For more information about the DCP program or any FSA program, visit online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>



Effective May 22, 2008, The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 increased **NAP** Administrative Fees from: \$100 to **\$250 per crop**; \$300 to **\$750 per county**; \$900 to **\$1875 per producer for all counties**.

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Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee meets
the third Thursday
of each month at 1:30 pm

County Committee

Glenda Armstrong, Chairperson
Jack Achen, Vice-Chairperson
Eddie Pena, Member

Work schedules vary with respect to training and leave schedules due to limited personnel, so if you have a specific need, please feel free to call ahead to confirm staff availability or set up an appointment prior to your visit.

2008 Crop Year Buy-in for Disaster Assistance Programs: Five new disaster programs have been created which include: 1)Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised fish (ELAP), 2)Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), 3)Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), 4)Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program, and 5)Tree Assistance Program (TAP). To be eligible, producers must purchase at least catastrophic risk protection (CAT) level of crop insurance and/or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for non-insurable crops. Therefore, for **2008 CROP YEAR ONLY**, producers who were eligible to obtain at least CAT level crop insurance or NAP, but did not, can "buy-in" to be eligible to participate in the applicable Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance Programs by paying the administrative fee that would have been applicable if the producer had timely applied for CAT or NAP. The buy-in fees do not provide any CAT or NAP coverage but do allow producers to gain eligibility to participate in the applicable Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance Programs. All producers who wish to become eligible in 2008 must visit their county FSA office to fill out forms and pay the appropriate buy-in fee required. The deadline for the buy-in is September 16, 2008. Exemptions apply for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers or Ranchers and Limited Resource Producers.

If you suffer a weather related disaster, you must contact the county office within 72 hours of the event. A notice of loss must then be filed within 15 days of the disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop is apparent for all crops covered by NAP, including native grass.

RECORD CHANGES

Contact our Office if you have any changes to:

*Name/Address/Telephone

*Direct Deposit

*Owner/operator

*Private/state leases

*Death of owner/operator

*Partnership/corporation, trust, estate

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

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