

PLAINS AND VALLEY VIEWS

COUNTY COMMITTEE

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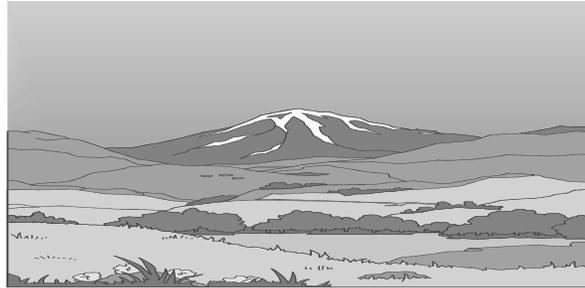
Bert Chacon, PT
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COC REGULAR MEETINGS:

The second Wednesday of
Each month at 9.00 am.
Call for location and time of the
October COC meeting

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Monday – Friday
Closed Wednesday
1:00 PM– 4:30 PM



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September, 2007

WHERE IS THE CED? Jerry's normally in Quay, Monday and Thursday, in Harding Tuesday and Wednesday.

DISASTER PROGRAM COMING SOON Sign-up dates have been announced for the new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Crop Disaster Program (CDP). The three ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years. Although the sign up date starts September 10 for LCP and LIP, **producers will want to call the office, before making a trip to town**, to make sure we have the necessary information and software to do sign up. At this time, we are still verifying our counties eligibility for the program. CDP signup begins October 15, however the same advice applies. Call first and make sure we can do your sign up.

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION This is your chance to make a difference! The election of agricultural producers to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee is important to ALL farmers and ranchers regardless of the size of your operation. It is important that everyone participate in these elections because the county committee acts as a liaison between the local producer and USDA. Committee members help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Producers who serve on the committee help with decisions concerning the administration of farm programs in their counties. Committees provide local input on various program regulations including commodity loans and payments, conservation, disaster and emergency programs. Although the committee is governed by federal regulations, they apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions.

This year LAA area 2 is up for nominations, which is known as the "Irrigation Project". This area includes the Tucumcari, Montoya, Quay, Norton and Hudson areas. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 2. The final day to return voted ballots to the local USDA Service Center is Dec. 3. Newly elected county committee members take office Jan. 1, 2008.

NAP crops must be **certified 15 days prior to any harvest or grazing.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) -Producers who have a loss must file a Notice of Loss in this office within 15 calendar days following the occurrence of prevented planting, end of the planting period, the disaster event, or date damage to the crop acreage is apparent.

Note: Forage production should be turned in as soon as possible after final cutting.

Production records must be filed to establish an approved NAP yield and maintain Actual Production History (APH) for program benefits. **WHEN YOU FAIL TO TURN IN PRODUCTION, IT REDUCES YOUR APH YIELD THUS AFFECTING THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENT YOU MAY RECEIVE IF A DISASTER OCCURS.

NAP regulations require production be reported as verifiable or reliable whether sold commercially or disposed of on the farm. All records must be dated and signed by buyer/seller. **A paid-for measurement service from FSA is available to substantiate production.**

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****Verifiable** records are contemporaneous records that may be verified by CCC through an independent source and are used to substantiate production. Verifiable records shall be dated, show disposition of quantity of crop, and be seasonal.
****Reliable** records may include copies of receipts, ledger sheets, deposit records, register tapes, custom harvest invoices, records to verify input costs, or diaries.

IMPORTANT NOTICE-We are in the process of updating our records and need warranty deeds for all land enrolled in a FSA program. Records must reflect current, proper ownership. Program payments may be delayed if documentation is not provided timely.

CRP MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED--Since part of your annual CRP payment is for maintenance, you are required to maintain your CRP grass cover by keeping it free of invasive species such as weeds, trees and cactus. Failure to do so could result in payment reductions or contract cancellation with payback of all monies received. FSA is required to spot check a certain amount of CRP every year so **PLEASE MAINTAIN YOUR CRP GRASS COVER.**

SPOT CHECKS-The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is changing the way that producers are chosen for compliance spot checks. For 2007 and subsequent crop years, the producer selection will be made on a national level through a statistical sampling method. Included in the sampling are Producers, New Mexico State Committee members, County Committee Members and FSA employees. These selections were made based on producers participation in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), Loan Deficiency Program (LDP), Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs), and Non-Insurable Crop Assistance Program (NAP). All programs that the selected producers participate in will be spot checked. The County Office will notify the producers selected for 2007.

RECORD CHANGES - Contact the Quay County FSA Office if there are any changes to your farming operation such as:

- * Name/Address/Telephone * Direct Deposit information *Death of owner/operator
- * Private/state leases * Change in owner/operator * Change in partnership, corporation, trust, estate, etc

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

OFFICE CLOSED-Due to losing our temporary help, **the office is closed after 1 pm on Wednesdays.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, however it allows us to process your paperwork and payments timely.

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