

# **MCKINLEY COUNTY FARM SERVICE NEWSLETTER**

## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SERVICE CENTER**

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7: 30a.m to 5:00p.m.

Monday thru Friday  
722-9060

Open during Lunch hour

October 15, 2007

### **WOOL AND MOHAIR LOAN DEFICIENCY PROGRAM**

The deadline for filing for the 2007 marketing year is approaching, January 31, 2008. This includes wool, mohair and unshorn lamb pelts -- sold or slaughtered. Bring your complete sales receipt to the FSA Office NOW. Payment is based on the date that the wool or mohair is sold. To be eligible you must have an application on file at the FSA Office **BEFORE** you sell.

### **CONSERVATION PROGRAM DATE SET**

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is taking application from Farm and Ranch Operations for assistance through Federal assisted Programs. The program is available to individuals and entities with working farms and ranches. Individual producers on Tribal lands are eligible to apply. Funds are available and will be offered to producers that apply and meet the program requirements. Examples of eligible improvements include: irrigation pipelines, sprinkler systems, gated pipelines, pasture fencing, brush management, livestock wells and water storage tanks and drinkers. **Funds for improvements to benefit wildlife are also available. Anyone interested should contact the Gallup office of the NRCS at 1658 S. Second Street or call (505) 722-4357 extension 101 or 106. DEADLINE NOV. 2, 2007.**

### **COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

The two nominees for the 2007 committee election are: Antionette M. Chischillie and Harrison Pablo. The next step in the process is the mailing out of the ballots, which will begin on November 2, 2007. Voters have until December 3, 2007 to return their properly completed ballots to the county office. The voter must be eligible to participate in any FSA program. If you have questions about eligibility to vote, PLEASE, contact the FSA office.

**NEW PROGRAMS**

The new programs are: Livestock Compensation Program (LCP); Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP); Emergency Conservation Program (ECP); and Crop Disaster Program (CDP). LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses or incurred additional feed costs. LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disaster. **SIGN UP FOR LCP AND LIP WILL START ON OCTOBER 22, 2007.**

ECP provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate land damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation. FSA State and County administer ECP. CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffer quantity and quality losses from natural disasters. CDP signup begins October 15, 2007.

**NON INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)**

- 2006 -- NO PROGRESS ON THE APPROVAL FOR THE PAYMENT.**
- 2007 – DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF LOSS WILL BE NOVEMBER 1, 2007**
- 2008 – DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR NATIVE RANGE GRASS IS JANUARY 31, 2008.**

**OFFICE CLOSED (FSA ONLY)**

The McKinley County Farm Service Agency Office will be **CLOSED** the week of October 15, 2007 through October 19, 2007. The office will be open on Monday, October 22, 2007.

McKINLEY COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY MONTHLY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES ON WEDNESDAY, STARTING AT 9:00a. m. IN THE AGRICULTURE SERVICE CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM.

OCTOBER 24, 2007

NOVEMBER 21, 2007

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/s/ John Sakasitz, County Executive Director

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