



# The Homesteader

## Luna-Grant County Committee

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## NMDA Livestock Assistance Grant Program

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) will administer financial assistance to eligible livestock producers in NM whose grazing forage was adversely impacted by the 2006 drought.

### **LUNA & GRANT COUNTY RANCHERS ARE ELIGIBLE!**

#### Application deadline is November 21, 2006.

Applications are available at [www.nmda.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu). Applications may also be obtained at the Farm Service Agency and County Extension Service Offices. **Producers should direct ALL questions regarding the application process to NMDA at (505) 646-8955 or by E-Mail at [LAGP@nmda.nmsu.edu](mailto:LAGP@nmda.nmsu.edu).** Neither FSA nor CES offices can accept completed applications. Applications **MUST** be returned to NMDA and it is the producers' responsibility to complete this task.

## Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of

inventory, or prevented planting occurs as the result of natural disasters.

## UPCOMING DEADLINES TO APPLY FOR NAP:

**November 20, 2006:**

**APPLES:**

**January 31, 2007:**

**NATIVE GRASS**

## Luna-Grant County Committee Election

On November 4, 2006, Election Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in two Local Administrative Areas (LAA 3 & LAA 4). The USDA and FSA urge eligible farmers and ranchers to participate and vote.

### Nominees for LAA 3:

Gerald W. Billings Sr.  
Suanne Delk

### Nominees for LAA 4:

Sandy Hyatt  
Kenneth Stockton

Ballots must be postmarked by December 4, 2006

**Your vote counts!** Just circle your candidate of choice. Make sure to sign return envelope under return address where indicated. It is Easy!

**Your Vote counts!** A strong response to the election process gives landowners, farmers and ranchers a better chance of having your opinions and ideas expressed in the community, throughout FSA and throughout the Nation!

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**Sign-up for 2007 Direct  
and Counter-Cyclical  
Program (DCP)**

Sign-up for the 2007 DCP program begins! DCP provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for the current year. **Enrollment is voluntary but must be done annually. The deadline to sign up for the 2007 program year is June 1, 2007.**

The CCC-509 form, "Direct and Counter-cyclical Program contract," must be submitted and signed by all owners and operators who will share in the DCP payments on the farm. Forms with signatures that are obtained after June 1, 2007 but before September 30, 2007, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-file sign-up fee of \$100.00.

**Planting Flexibility  
Provisions**

Producers who participate in DCP may plant cropland in excess of the total base acreage on the farm to any commodity. However, producers are subject to certain restrictions on the planting of wild rice, fruits and vegetables (WR/FAV). Luna County does support double cropping flexibility. For eligible double cropping provisions, please contact your local FSA.

Failure to notify FSA of changes in your farming operation may adversely impact your eligibility for USDA benefits. You should also be aware of Highly Erodible Land Conservation, Wetland Conservation, Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitation provisions which impact your eligibility for DCP payments.

Changes to your farming operation may include, but are not limited to a change in the structure of your farming operation or changes in your rental agreement. ANY change to your farming/ranching operation must be reported to FSA when the change occurs, but no later than September 30 of the program year.

**FAILURE TO TIMELY  
REPORT OPERATION  
CHANGES MAY  
RESULT IN  
INELIGIBILITY FOR  
PROGRAM BENEFITS.**

Office will be closed Friday  
November 10, 2006 in  
observance of Veterans Day.

Office will be closed  
Thursday November 23,  
2006 in observance of  
Thanksgiving Day.

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