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SOCORRO-CATRON AGRICULTURAL NEWS

County Committee meetings are the first Wednesday following the first Monday of each month at 10:00 A.M.



2007 DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

USDA has announced sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Crop Disaster Program (CDP). The ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in 2006 for Socorro and Catron County farmers and ranchers.

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program beginning September 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign-up for Crop Disaster Program beginning October 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. Please call the Socorro Catron FSA Office for more information or to sign up for these programs. No deadline for sign up has been announced.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring due to a natural disaster. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared Presidential disaster areas are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. In Socorro and Catron Counties, you will be asked to provide livestock numbers effective January 1, 2006. We will need your Adult cattle number and Non adult cattle over 500 pounds on January 1, 2006. Also eligible are ranch horses, sheep, and goats maintained on native grass.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

Crop Disaster Program is another ad hoc program to provide benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to crops from natural disasters. Producers who incurred qualifying losses may receive benefits. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP provides assistance to producers of non-insurable crops and commodities, including rangeland, when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to a natural disaster. Producers who have no crop changes from their 2007 NAP contract have the option of continuous coverage. However, the applicable service fee of \$100 must be paid by the application closing date, up to \$300 maximum unlimited crops per county, with a \$900 cap for multi-county producers.

Coverage does not start until 30 days after application is filed and fees paid or the date the crop is planted and does not exceed the final planting date. A Report of Acreage must be filed to verify the existence of the crop and record the number of acres covered by the application. **Acreage reports must be timely filed to remain eligible for program benefits.**

Production records for individual crops must be filed with our office annually to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide prior years' production and acreage to establish a yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up to date.

Records submitted must be reliable and verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. **All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.** If production records are not available, county average yields will be used.

DEADLINES TO PURCHASE NAP COVERAGE!!!

January 31 Alfalfa, Cucumbers, Native Grass, Mixed Forage, Pecans, Peppers

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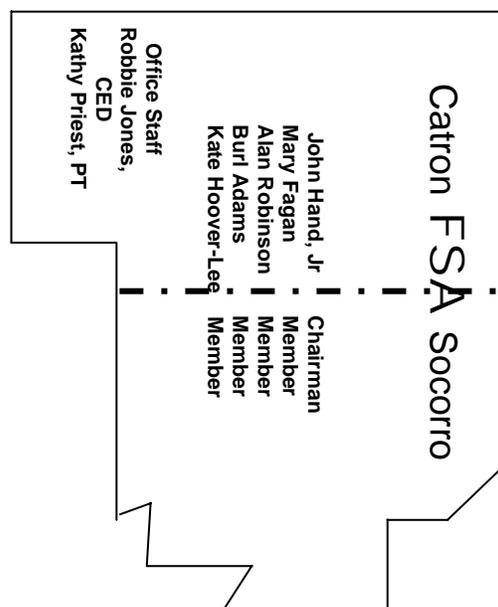
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Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Violations also include convictions for

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SOCORRO CATRON FSA OFFICE CLOSURES

The Socorro Catron FSA office will be closed on the following holidays: November 22 Thanksgiving Holiday; December 25 Christmas Holiday; January 1 New Years Holiday; January 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

SOCORRO CATRON COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Local Administrative Area #2 which covers the Northwest corner of Catron County, including Quemado, Pie Town, and Datil is the voting area this year. Barbara Adams is the nominee for LAA 2. Write in candidates of any other eligible farmer or rancher is allowed on the ballot. Ballots were mailed to eligible voters on November 2, 2007. Ballots must be returned to the county office by December 3, 2007. The County Committee will count ballots December 5th, 2007 at their regular meeting. Elected committee member will take office on 1-1-08.

FARM LOAN PROGRAM

A farm loan officer will be in the Socorro Catron office on November 14, December 12, and January 9. Please call the office to make an appointment. Guaranteed loans, farm ownership loans, and youth loans are some of the loans available.

