



Minden FSA Office

**Douglas, Carson,
Alpine, Inyo, &
Mono Counties**

March/April 2010

DCP Signup Continues

Signup for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program continues until June 1, 2010. FSA will not accept late-filed applications.

FSA computes DCP Program 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 2010, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. Counter-cyclical payment for a commodity are only issued if the effective price for a commodity is below the commodity's target price. **Please call the Minden FSA Office to schedule an appointment to complete your 2010 DCP signup and your required acreage report.**



2009 NAP GRAZING LOSSES		
COUNTY	IR	NIR
Douglas	33%	33%
Carson	33%	33%
Alpine	40%	40%
Inyo	30%	56%
Mono	35%	35%

2009 NAP Notice of Loss

Producers that filed a 2009 Notice of Loss for grazing will be contacted soon to complete the application for payment. Please note that you must have an overall loss of more than 50% on irrigated and non-irrigated pasture to be eligible for any payment and only Inyo County producers that filed a NOL may be eligible for a payment for 2009 according to the grazing loss established.

Notice to all NAP Producers

Producers who have purchased 2010 NAP must complete a 2010 acreage report on all acreage by the acreage reporting date. If you have **grain crops you must complete a 2010 acreage report by June 15, 2010**. All other crops this **includes grazing land** must be reported **by July 15, 2010**. The reports must be done in the Minden Office and signed and dated by the producer. If the producer has BLM and/or FS permits, you are required to provide a copy of all the current permits when you complete the acreage report. Please call the Minden Office for an appointment to complete your 2010 acreage report, 775-782-3661 ext 100.

USDA

Minden FSA Office

1702 County Rd,
Suite A1
Minden, NV 89423
775-782-3661
775-782-3547 (fax)

Hours

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

County Committee

Dwain Chichester-Chair.
Todd Gansberg-V.Chair.
Ted Borda
Alonna Giacomini
Linda White

COC meetings are
Normally scheduled for
the 3rd Tuesday of each
month at 1:00 pm in the
Minden Service Center,
may can be cancelled or
rescheduled

Staff

Betty Hodik, Acting CED
Rosemary Season, PT

Please call ahead if you plan
on coming into the office,
as we are presently short
staffed.

NAP Enrollment

Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes. Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and pay the applicable service fees by the closing date. Application closing dates vary by crop. Douglas, Carson, Alpine, Inyo, and Counties producers can contact the FSA Office for specific crop application sales closing dates at: (775)-782-3661 x 100.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides coverage to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turf grass and forage crops just to name a few.

More information about NAP may be found on the FSA web site located at

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov>





Actively Engaged

USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by FSA.

Normally the stockholder or a member of a legal entity **must** make contributions of active personal labor and/or active personal management for the farming operation. The contributions are to be performed on regular basis, must be identifiable, and separate from the contributions of others.

The exception to this rule for a stockholder or member of a legal entity only occurs if both of the following apply:

- At least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or
- members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management; and

The total direct payments received, both directly and indirectly, by the legal entity and each of the members cannot exceed \$40,000



CREP, SAFE & Continuous CRP Available

Environmentally sensitive acreage may be eligible for enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) or the Conservation Reserve Program State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Programs. Availability of these programs may be contingent on previous program approval in your state. Continuous CRP is available in every state during the fiscal year. These targeted programs remain funded, and continue to provide increased environmental benefit in select areas. Check with your nearest county office to confirm program availability in your area.

Eligibility for Disaster Programs

Note that insurance coverage on all insurable crops and/or NAP on all non-insurable crops is required to remain eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs such as SURE, TAP, and ELAP. Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops. For LFP participation, producers must have NAP coverage on their non-insurable grazing acres. Yearly acreage reporting is also a requirement for most of the programs.



Adjusted Gross Income

USDA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for the tax review process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA. The agreement ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits.

The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are

- \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs;
- \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments
- \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) to the Internal Revenue Service by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices or online at:

<http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainse/v1et>.



2010 Water Year Precipitation to Date DOUGLAS COUNTY 90% of Normal					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
2010 Avg.	1.71	0.45	1.69	2.04	1.92
CARSON CITY 90% of Normal					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
2010 Avg.	1.67	0.15	1.26	1.56	1.67
INYO COUNTY 151% of Normal					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
2010 Avg.	0.81	0.01	1.00	2.02	1.12
MONO COUNTY 114% of Normal					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
2010 Avg.	1.83	0.46	1.50	2.41	2.35
ALPINE COUNTY 122% of Normal					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
2010 Avg.	5.00	2.20	11.20	11.80	4.80

<http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snotel/California/california.html>
http://www.cnrc.noaa.gov/monthly_precip.php



President Declares March Women's History Month

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2010 as Women's History Month. I call upon all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the history, accomplishments, and contributions of American women.

NRCS High Tunnel Pilot Project

NRCS is conducting a 3-year high tunnel, or hoop house, pilot project. Agricultural producers can apply to receive financial and technical assistance to help NRCS test the conservation benefits and effects of high tunnels in practical, real-world situations.

USDA announced the pilot project under the *Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food* initiative. The high tunnel pilot study will help determine possible conservation benefits. High tunnels improve plant, water and soil quality, as well as pest and nutrient management.

High tunnels can lengthen the timeframe for local marketing of produce, which increases sustainability while lowering energy and transportation inputs. In arid climates, high tunnels may slow evaporation and decrease irrigation water use. An extended growing season and steady income may offer advantages to small, limited resource, and organic farmers. They can also assist producers transitioning to specialty crops.

To qualify, the applicant must:

- be an agricultural producer
- install the high tunnel(s) on existing cultivated land
- raise or sell \$1,000 worth of agricultural products annually

The land must:

- have been cultivated for at least two years prior to the installation of the high tunnel.

For application assistance and complete details, contact your closest NRCS office.



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Dates to Remember	
June 1 st	DCP Sign-up Deadline
Crop Reporting Deadlines	
June 15 th	Small Grains
July 15 th	All crops except small grains
October 25 th	Deadline to Apply for EM Loans; for physical and production loss

Selected Interest Rates for March 2010	
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%
Farm Operating - Direct	3.000%
Farm Ownership - Direct	5.125%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%
Emergency –Amount of Actual Loss	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility- 7 Year Term	3.125%



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To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202)-720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."