



**December 2010**

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## DCP and ACRE Signup, Advance Payments

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and also the 2011 ACRE Program has begun and will continue through June 1, 2011.

Advance payments of 22% on the 2011 DCP program will be available starting December 1, 2010. The remaining 78% of your DCP payment will be issued after October 1, 2011. ACRE is a revenue based payment alternative to the price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.

In DCP, eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. DCP or ACRE contract signatures for enrollment are due by the signup deadline of June 1, 2011. For more information producers can contact their local FSA office.

## BCAP Update

Instructions for Biomass Conversion Facilities (BCFs) to become approved BCAP-certified facilities are anticipated in the next few weeks. The actual Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) or agreement will be similar to the first pilot phase program but new language that will address requirements of the new regulation. Biomass Conversion Facilities may wish to contact the FSA office in their state to make sure they are notified when this information is received. BCFs and interested producers can also watch the national website for further BCAP information at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) under Energy Programs.

All BCFs must complete the MOU and submit it, along with any other documents or permits required by the notice. This is the first step in the BCAP process. Additional notices dealing with project area proposals and new procedure on the harvest,

transportation portion or matching payment program are also scheduled to be released shortly. The new BCAP regulation has significant changes in required conservation plans, fair market value and eligible material that will be explained in the Notice.

## IRS Form 1099-G

Each year producers receive 1099-G forms from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) detailing payments producers have received from the CCC. CCC's annual report of program payments on the 1099-Gs help our customers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the producer's own responsibility to report income to the IRS.

FSA staff cannot interpret IRS regulations or advise producers about which payments to report on their income tax returns. However, county office staff can review payments for accuracy.

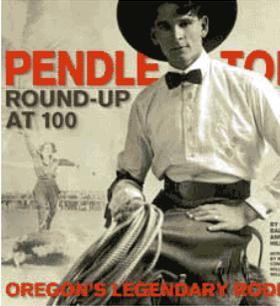
## Commodity Loans

Commodity loans, also referred to as Marketing Assistance Loans, are available to producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, you must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. During the term of the loan, loss of beneficial interest is a violation of loan provisions.

Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans. The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.

## **NAP-Production Reminder**

For producers who participate in NAP and have filed a 2010 acreage report; this is a reminder that the report of production is due for 2010 crop year and should be filed either now or when filing the 2011 acreage report. The 2011 final date to file an acreage report is July 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please call the office.



## **LDP Deadline on Wool, Mohair, & Unshorn Lamb Pelts**

Eligible producers have until Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, to apply for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for wool, mohair, unshorn pelts produced during the 2010 crop year.

To be eligible, producers must a) have beneficial interest in the pelts, b) own the lamb for at least 30 calendar days before the date of slaughter and c) sell the unshorn lamb for immediate slaughter. Producers must also comply with wetland conservation and highly erodible land conservation provisions on all lands they operate or have interest in.

To qualify for payment, pelts must have been produced by an eligible producer from live unshorn lambs of domestic origin in the United States.

## **Farm Loan Programs**

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

If you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan, ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee.

Direct farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained from FSA for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum of \$1,119,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that the application and loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

## **Conservation Loan Program**

The Conservation Loan (CL) Program provides farmers with the funds to implement conservation measures on their land. The available limit for a direct CL is \$300,000, and the limit for a guaranteed CL is \$1,119,000.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will work with applicants to develop a conservation plan containing approved conservation practices. Examples of some conservation practices are: water conservation structures, forest cover, permanent pastures, manure digesters and other installations.

For more information on a potential Conservation Loan, call the local FSA office and make an appointment with a loan officer.

## **Rural Youth Loans**

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Many farm and even city families have found the Youth Loan program an excellent means to introduce the next generation to the business of agriculture. Is there someone in your family who may qualify?

***The Elko/Eureka FSA and NRCS Staff would like to wish each and everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Prosperous NEW YEAR.....***



## Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers

FSA sets aside targeted funding to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:



- Has operated a farm for not more that 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 % of the county's average size.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit

[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)



## NRCS Extends Sign-up Period for Conservation Stewardship Program

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has extended the application deadline for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Producers will now be able to submit applications through Jan. 7, 2011. "The deadline was extended by NRCS Chief Dave White to allow producers more time to complete their applications," said Bruce Petersen, Nevada NRCS State Conservationist. "We hope extending the deadline will allow even more producers to participate in this program."

Authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, CSP offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, and rangeland. The program provides many conservation benefits

including improvement of water and soil quality, wildlife habitat enhancement and grazing land management.

For more information about applying for CSP or obtaining information related to other conservation program opportunities, contact the Elko NRCS Field Office at (775) 738-8431 or visit the Nevada NRCS web site at <http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov>.

## NRCS-SNOTEL

This site has general information, daily SNOTEL Data Reports, Graphs and Maps

The site location:

[www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/snotel.html](http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/snotel.html)

## Livestock Indemnity Program

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural disaster Relief Trust Fund established under section 902 of the Trade Act of 1974, the program is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hail, winter storm, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan.1, 2010, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

For 2010, livestock owners and contract growers that suffer a loss of livestock shall file:

A notice of loss the earlier of the following dates:

*30 Calendar Days of when the loss of livestock is apparent to the participant*  
*30 Calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurred*

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

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**Paper Check Conversion (PCC)**

Over the next year, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) are moving to an electronic method for processing checks from producers. This will allow FSA/CCC to process collections faster.

When producers present checks, either in person or through the mail, the checks will be converted into an

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and debited from the producer’s account, usually within 24 hours of receipt.

Please see the U.S. Department of Treasury legal notices posted in the USDA Service Center office or visit the following U.S. Department of Treasury Internet site for detailed information:

<https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm>

<b>Selected Interest Rates - December 2010</b>	
Farm Operating - Direct	1.750%
Farm Ownership - Direct	4.125%
Conservation Loan	4.125%
Farm Storage Facility-7YR	2.000%
Farm Storage Facility-10YR	2.750%
Farm Storage Facility12YR	3.000%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.250%

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
Dec. 6	County Committee ballots due back to County Office
Dec.8	County Committee Meeting
Dec. 24	Christmas Holiday-Offices Closed
Dec. 31	New Years Eve – Offices Closed
June 1, 2011	DCP / ACRE Filing Deadline

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