



NEWSLETTER



Humboldt/Lander County FSA Office

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County Committee

Chairman: Fred Wilkinson
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Susan Kern
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Meetings are held the
second Tuesday of the
month at 10:00 a.m.
(subject to change)

2010 DCP Final Payments

Final DCP payments for 2010 participants will be issued sometime after October 1, 2010. Producers who received an advance payment will be paid the balance they are due. Those who did not take an advance will be receiving their full payment amount. These payments will be deposited directly into personal bank accounts.

If there are any unearned payments, Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically subtract those amounts from the final Direct and Counter-cyclical Program payments you are about to receive.

Paper Check Conversion (PCC)

Over the next year, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) are moving toward an electronic method for processing producers' checks. 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). The funds will be 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 Service Center 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>



FSA Conservation Loan Program

The Farm Service Agency makes and guarantees conservation loans on farms and ranches to help conserve our natural resources. The Conservation Loan (CL) Program provides farmers with the credit necessary to implement conservation measures on their land.

The direct CL limit is \$300,000 and the guaranteed CL limit is \$1,119,000. Guaranteed loans are available through lenders working with FSA.

Applicants will work with Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) staff to develop a conservation plan. Conservation practices must be approved by NRCS before FSA can provide financing. Examples of conservation practices include installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; transitioning to organic production; manure management, including manure digestion systems; and more.

County Committee Elections

Starting early next month, watch your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot. Mailing of ballots to all eligible voters (LAA 1) starts on November 5, 2010. If you reside west of Highway 95 and south of the Kings River Highway (including Kings River and that portion of Winnemucca), and for some reason you don't receive a ballot, please contact the county FSA office to get one.

Completed and signed ballots will be due back in the county office by the close of business on December 6, 2010.

Attention NAP Producers

Producers are reminded that the deadline for filing 2011 NAP application for coverage on all hay crops, excluding grain, is **October 31, 2010**; the deadline for all grazing crops, excluding grain, is **December 1, 2010**.

As a reminder, please submit any and all production records for the 2010 crop year as soon as possible. For more information, contact Donna Harrer at (775) 623-5025 ext.100.

Public Financial Management Information Web Page

Farm Service Agency would like to announce a new web page to assist customers with their FSA financial needs.

Included in this web page will be:

- How to get access to financial applications
- Walk through instructions on financial applications
- Financial Fact Sheets
- Examples of Disbursement Statements
- Electronic Form Link

The FSA Financial Services website allows producers to generate reports that show both current and historical financial information any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In order to access personal information, a producer must register for an e-Authentication Level 2 Account. Producers may sign up for an e-authentication account at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov by completing a customer profile and submitting it online. After submission, a confirmation email will be sent requiring a response by the producer within 7 days to activate the account. Once activated, complete the "Identity Proofing" process by visiting your local USDA Service Center and presenting a photo ID, such as a driver's license. Once registration is complete, producers will have access to their personal information on the Financial Services Website.

What types of financial inquiries are available?

- **Payments**—Provides summary and detailed financial information on payments made by the Farm Service

Agency to you. Inquiries may be selected by date, program name, farm number, or financial institution account number. The inquiry contains links to more detailed information.

- **Collections**—Shows collections received from you and/or on your behalf, including what program the collection was for and the amount of the collection. Inquiries may be selected by date, program name, and/or farm number.
- **Debt**—Shows the outstanding principal owed by you. This query does not show loan activity.
- **CCC-1099-G Queries**—Provides summary and detailed information on amounts reported to the IRS. These inquiries may be used to reconcile CCC-1099-G.
- **Customer Account Inquiry**—Provides a comprehensive list of financial activity for you (i.e. payments, collections, and debt) for a selected period of time. Detail information may be obtained through use of links provided in the inquiry.

Register Online Today!

www.eauth.egov.usda.gov

Mining Drought Monitor to Benefit Nevada's Farmers

Nevada farmers and ranchers recently received an unexpected gift from neighboring gold mines. It's in the form of precipitation data.

"It's not gold bullion, but is just as valuable to agriculture," said Nevada FSA State Executive Director Clint Koble.

The precipitation data doesn't seem like much until it helps to determine if northern Nevada agricultural producers are actually in a drought or not. The Drought Monitor is a nationwide summary of weekly rainfall data that is used by various agencies as a benchmark for implementing mitigating actions to offset the effects of a drought. If the USDA can determine the intensity of drought conditions, programs are available

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to help those farmers and ranchers deal with their losses.

Lack of information from rural areas did not support a drought determination this year because there was an average snowpack in the Ruby Mountains even though ranchers and farmers outside of the Humboldt River watershed felt that they were in a drought.

Nevada mines have been collecting data about rainfall around their mine sites for years that can be utilized in making drought determinations.

When apprised of this situation, Barrick Gold, Newmont Mining, Goldcorp and Jipangu Mining stepped up and contributed their previously unrecognized precipitation information to the Desert Research Institute, which feeds data into the Drought Monitor.

“The NV FSA appreciates the contributions of all mining operations that assist Nevada farmers and ranchers in putting together a more comprehensive data base for determining drought in Nevada,” said Koble.

Although mining has a very different use of resources than agriculture, they will make a real long-term difference to the farmers and ranchers of northern Nevada.

Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers

FSA assists 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 percent 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.

Farm Storage Facility Loan

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

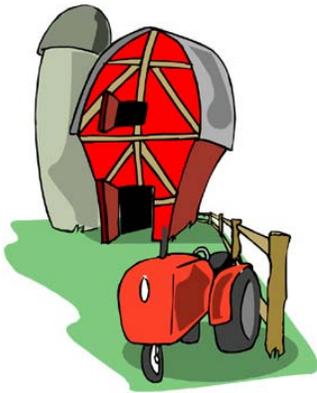
The new maximum principal amount of a loan is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial payment will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final payment will be made when construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the approved total loan amount.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

Eligible commodities for the FSFL program include: corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley, minor oilseeds, pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas, hay, renewable biomass, fruits (including nuts) and vegetables.

For more information about FSFL please visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.



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Selected Interest Rates for October 2010	
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%
Farm Operating - Direct	2.125%
Farm Ownership	5.000%
Conservation Loan (NEW)	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility (7 year)	2.125%

Dates to Remember	
Oct. 11	Columbus Day Holiday—Office Closed
Oct. 31	NAP Application for Coverage Deadline— All hay crops excluding grain
Nov. 5	County committee ballots mailed to voters
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday—Office Closed
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day Holiday—Office Closed
Dec. 1	NAP Application for coverage Deadline— All grazing crops excluding grain