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## **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) for Drought Emergency Measures and Water Hauling in Humboldt and Lander Counties Announced by Farm Service Agency (FSA)**

(Winnemucca, NV) July 25, 2012—Farms and ranches in Humboldt and Lander Counties experiencing severe drought conditions may be eligible for cost-share assistance under ECP. Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA), the program applies if water for livestock has been reduced below normal to the extent that livestock cannot survive without additional water.

The program allows for water conservation and enhancement measures to permit grazing of range, pasture or forage by livestock in times of severe drought. The practices are to be used for livestock on grazing land that does not have access to water because of an extended period of severe drought conditions. It is required that no other means of obtaining water for livestock is available. The practice can be used in areas where there is adequate range or pasture residue for livestock to be served by the water hauled to that area and can be used to contribute to better grazing distribution. The land must have had adequate livestock water prior to the drought.

Producers experiencing severe drought conditions that need assistance to provide supplemental emergency livestock water have until close of business August 31st, 2012 to contact the Winnemucca FSA Office to request assistance. Call the Winnemucca Office for an appointment at (775) 623-5025. You can also visit the office at 1200 E. Winnemucca Blvd.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost shares not to exceed 50% for permanent practice and 75% of the cost of temporary practices.

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