



Yerington FSA News

Jan/Feb 2010 Lyon/Mineral/Esmeralda

Yerington FSA Office

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Hours

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

County Committee

Patricia Ellis- Chairperson
Louis Scatena, Vice-Chair
Denise Hunewill, member
David Giorgi, member
John Maurer, member

The next COC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the Yerington Service Center.

Staff

Betty Hodik, Acting CED
Rosemary Season,
Yerington/Minden PT

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

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COC Election Results

The COC Elections Ballots were tallied at the December 10, 2009 COC Meeting held at the USDA Service Center in Yerington, NV. The results of the ballot counting are as follows:

- **LAA-2 Lyon County**
Denise Hunewill 23 votes
Richard Huntsberger 15 votes
- **LAA-3 Lyon County**
David Giorgi 29 votes
Don Tibbals 1 vote

The elected members began serving their three year term on January 1, 2010.

Thank you to all who participated in the voting process and congratulations to Denise and David for re-election to the Yerington FSA County Committee.



From Clint Koble,
Nevada FSA
State Executive
Director:

It's hard to imagine that another year has passed so quickly. In preparation for the New Year, we have set several goals for our staff and office teams.

First, we are taking it upon ourselves to be better trained to serve you. To accomplish that, we are scheduling more program training. We are also working to improve technology skills in critical areas such as general computer use, word processing, data management and so forth.

In addition we are planning more Outreach activities to visit with more producers and let them know about our programs, loans and services. Our State and County Office team members will be getting out there to meet more of you at local and state events.

Effective communication is a two-way street and we need to get to know each other better. Would you do us a favor and let us know how we are doing? Feel free to call your County Office or the State Office at (775) 784-5411. You can also email me at: clinton.koble@nv.usda.gov. Have a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

2010 Loan Deficiency **Payments (LDP's)**

Producers will need to complete page one of form CCC-633 EZ, as soon as possible to indicate their intention to receive an LDP and before losing beneficial interest in 2010 crop year wool, mohair or unshorn pelts.

By signing the first page of the EZ form, producers indicate their intentions to request LDP benefits. This page covers all counties and all eligible harvested commodities for the entire crop year for the individual, joint operation or entity identified on the form. After completing page one, producers can request benefits any time during the period that loans or LDPs are available, before or after losing beneficial interest.

To request a payment for shorn wool/mohair, producer will then complete page 4 of form CCC-633 EZ. You have the option of self certifying to the weight or waiting until the wool/mohair is sold and providing the sales receipt. The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 raised the loan rate for graded wool from \$1.00/lb to \$1.15/lb for crop years 2010-2012. The ungraded wool loan rate is \$.40/lb. Additionally, there will no longer be regional loan rate differentials for 2010-2012 graded and ungraded wool, rather a national posted price announced weekly. The ungraded wool premium and discount schedule for region 2 will be used as the national 2010 crop year schedule.

Foreign Buyers Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA. All individuals who are not U.S. citizens, and have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA with 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form (FSA-153) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, Realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.



REQUIRED IRS CONSENT FORMS

FSA has finalized a data-sharing process with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the AGI provisions for programs administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service. **All producers that received a payment from USDA's FSA or NRCS in 2009 or wish to participate in programs and receive payments for 2010 will be required to file a form CCC-928 and/or CCC-927 with the IRS. It is important to note that USDA county office personnel will not view producer's tax return information at any time during this process.** Failure to provide the written consent may require refund of applicable payments received from FSA and NRCS for the 2009 and 2010 years. You can obtain the applicable forms from your local FSA Office.

DCP Signup Continues

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) will continue through June 1, 2010. USDA urges producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up, or producers can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP contract. USDA 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, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 1, 2009. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-month marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

You are encouraged to contact the FSA office to schedule a time to come in and complete the applicable forms to update your eligibility and get your 2010 DCP signup completed.

SURE

Producers May Begin Applying for SURE Program at FSA County Offices on Jan. 4, 2010. The 2008 Farm Bill amended the Trade Act of 1974 to create the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE).

SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disaster that occurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, if crop insurance is not available, to participate in the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. However, crop insurance or NAP coverage is not required for crops that are not of economic significance.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from this risk management purchase requirement.

The following are the conditions that trigger SURE payments:

- at least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition. (A crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm.)
- producers in counties declared disaster counties by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or those who show proof of a loss of at least 50% for the farm are eligible to receive SURE payments for crop production or crop quality losses. Losses are measured
- based on whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

More details on the SURE Program are available at county FSA offices or on line at www.fsa.usda.gov



**FROM THE
YERINGTON
FSA OFFICE
STAFF:**

It has been our pleasure to serve the farmers and ranchers in Lyon, Mineral, and Esmeralda Counties. We look forward to providing you with outstanding service in 2010.



Spousal Signatures

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse.

There are exceptions to the rule, where spouses may not sign on behalf of each other for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities. Individual signatures are also required on certain Farm Loan Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan documents. For more clarification on spousal signature authority, feel free to contact your local FSA office

IRS Form 1099-G New Procedures

Producers annually receive CCC-1099Gs detailing payments producers have received from FSA. This year, the 2009 Advance payments producers received from the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) Program were processed as overpayments and offset from the 2009 Final payments. The 2009 Advance payments will not be reflected on the CCC-1099Gs producers receive. The CCC-1099Gs will reflect only the 2009 DCP direct entitlement.

Producers who have repaid a market gain on a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loan with cash or commodity certificates in exchange for outstanding loan collateral will have their market gains reported to the IRS on Form 1099-G.

FSA is required to report to the IRS all market gains associated with repayment of a CCC loan.

A market gain is the difference between the repayment rate, determined by the CCC, and the original loan rate. If the repayment rate drops below the original loan rate then the difference is considered a market gain. Producers will receive, by mail, the amount reported by FSA to the IRS on Form 1099-G.

Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the county FSA office staff directly or by phone.

Power of Attorney

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., FSA has a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information

Bank and Account Changes

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office if your account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to your account and routing numbers.

Appeal Process

After an FSA official makes a decision on your request for USDA services or application, you will be sent a letter informing you of the decision and options you can pursue if you disagree. Generally, program participants have three choices: an informal review with the original agency decision-maker; an opportunity for mediation; and finally an appeal to the next level of authority within the agency.

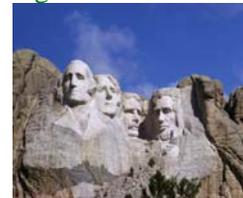
Controlled Substance

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. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium, poppies and other drug producing plants.

Nevada FSA Web Page

The Nevada FSA State Office has been working on the State FSA Website. This site is the window into programs and information that apply to the state of Nevada and is available for your viewing. If you have any requests for additional information or links on this site, please let us know. Access the site at:

www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=nev



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| Dates to Remember | |
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| Jan. 1, 2010 | New Committee members take office |
| Jan. 4, 2010 | SURE Sign-up began |
| Feb. 1, 2010 | LDP Unshorn Lamb Pelts and Wool closed for 2009 crop year |
| Feb.15, 2010 | Presidents Day- Office Closed |
| Feb.23, 2010 | Yerington COC Meeting – 10:00 AM |

| Selected Interest Rates for January 2010 | |
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| 90-Day Treasury Bill | .125% |
| Farm Operating - Direct | 2.875% |
| Farm Ownership - Direct | 4.750% |
| Limited Resource | 5.000% |
| Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment | 1.500% |
| Emergency | 3.750% |
| Farm Storage Facility Loan 7 yrs. | 2.875% |
| Farm Storage Facility Loan 10 yrs. | 3.375% |
| Farm Storage Facility Loan 12yrs. | 3.750% |



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