



Ely FSA Office News

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Farm Storage Facility Loan Program Changes

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 through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility. 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 which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

Early partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and 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. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain
- Pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables
- cold storage facilities

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

Biomass Crop Assistance Program

The new Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) is of interest to biomass conversion facilities and those who own, chip and transport biomass material to these facilities.

Chippers and producers with conversion facilities contracts to prepare and deliver materials can apply for matching payments under the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) component of BCAP. Once an agreement is signed between FSA and a biomass conversion facility and funding is provided, the facilities can begin accepting materials under this program.

The matching CHST payments are paid at a rate of \$1 for \$1 per dry-ton equivalent received by a qualified biomass conversion facility, not to exceed \$45 per dry-ton equivalent. A biomass owner is eligible to receive payments for two years. The purpose of the matching payments is to assist biomass handlers with the CHST cost of delivering biomass to a qualified biomass conversion facility. Once a facility becomes qualified, eligible material owners or producers who deliver biomass to that facility may be eligible to receive CHST payments.

Eligible material owners or producers, who market eligible material to a qualified biomass conversion facility, may apply for the matching CHST payment at their FSA county office. An application must be submitted and approved before the eligible material is sold or delivered to a qualified biomass conversion facility. After the product is delivered, a material handler must provide FSA with documentation of product quantity, quality and payment rate. County offices will validate payment requests with information in the county office and information provided under the terms of MOUs with the qualified biomass conversion facilities. CHST payments will not be authorized until appropriate environmental analysis is completed. Contact your FSA state office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov for more information.



NAP Deadlines and Program Changes for 2010

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) deadlines for various crops are coming up -- **Oct. 31, 2009 for forage** and **Dec. 1, 2009 for grazing**. Contact your local office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov for deadlines and details for your crops. When low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disaster, NAP can provide financial assistance. NAP coverage may be continued for each subsequent year for the same crop or crops, if the producer pays the applicable service fee by the next year's application closing date.

Eligible producers must apply for coverage of non-insurable crops and pay the applicable service fees at their local FSA office. The service fee is \$250 per crop or up to \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 per producer with farming interests in multiple counties. Limited resource producers are not subject to annual fees.

NAP coverage may be continued for each subsequent year for the same crop or crops, if the producer pays the applicable service fee by the next year's application closing date.



Selected Interest Rates for September 2009	
Farm Operating - Direct	3.000%
Farm Ownership - Direct	4.875%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Down Pmt	1.500%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility	3.125%
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.250%



"HELLO" from CORY D LYTLE

"Hello, I'm **Cory D. Lytle** and I'm coming to White Pine County to work for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as the **District Conservationist**. I'm coming from Caliente, NV where I worked for the past seven years as a Soil Conservationist for NRCS.

A little bit about myself . . . my parents are the late Francis Andrew Lytle and Linda A. Lytle. I spent my childhood in St. George, UT going to school, rodeoing, and bullfighting, or on the family ranch at Mountain Meadows, UT, or the Tule Desert or Barclay Ranches in Lincoln County. I grew up ranching and farming with my Grandfather Andrew R. Lytle, my dad, and Lavar Wade.

I married Patrice Jolley from Washington, UT and we went to college, first at Southern Utah State College in Cedar City, then at Utah State University in Logan. We have been blessed with three children. Trent is married to Bobi Jean Hughes and they have blessed us with two wonderful grandchildren, Porter Hayes, 2, and Adellia Fern, 1. Amanda, our daughter, works as a hair stylist, and Benjamin, our youngest, is at home with us.

We moved to Caliente to help with the ranch but my dad's failing health and my lack of money caused the sale of the ranch and me to go to work for NRCS. We still own a small part of the ranch on which my oldest brother and my son Trent run a few cows. I enjoy working for NRCS and the connection to the land it gives me and to be close to the way of life I love -- that of farming and ranching. I'm looking forward to the opportunities that are ahead of me now and to meeting and working with all of you. Come by the office or give us a call if we can be of assistance."

We hope everyone joins us in welcoming Cory to the NRCS staff at the FSA Service Center here in Ely. We certainly look forward to working with him as he is a very personable and friendly individual.

FSA Farm Loans to Family Sized Farms

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers loans for eligible farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. In many cases, applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers might have suffered setbacks from natural disasters or might be persons with limited resources.



Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,094,000. Emergency loans are always direct loans for farmers who may have suffered physical or production losses in disaster areas designated by a Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration. Rural Youth Loans, Loans to Beginning Farmers and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA.

For detailed information on loan eligibility or the available loan programs, contact the county office staff for an appointment with a farm loan officer.

Loans for Socially Disadvantaged

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches.



While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged Applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.

If producers or their spouses believe they would qualify as socially disadvantaged, they should contact their local FSA office for details. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to eligible 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.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Reside in a rural area, city or town with a population of 50,000 or fewer people
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision.

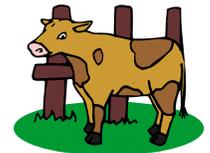
Stop by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms. The FSA staff can help you with questions you may have about a particular program.

REMEMBER to cast your vote in the upcoming County Committee election! Your vote is very important in keeping FSA program information before the public !!!

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Dates to Remember	
Sep 7	Closed for Labor Day
Sep 15-17	Closed for State Training
Oct 12	Closed for Columbus Day
Oct 31	Deadline – NAP for forage
Dec 1	Deadline – NAP for grazing
Dec 7	Deadline – Return of COC Ballot
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

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