



Ely FSA Office News

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**From the 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 any time: clinton.koble@nv.usda.gov

Have a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

SURE Signup

Signup for the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) began on January 4, 2010. SURE 2008 is for those who suffered crop production losses during crop year 2008.

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration

crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

Producers with a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. Producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

If there is no Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest nationwide.

For more information on the new SURE program, please visit the county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

**Dairy Economic Loss Assistance
Program**

The Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Program (DELAP) provides a one-time payment to assist dairy producers who have recently experienced



low milk prices and high production costs. No application to receive DELAP program benefits is required if a dairy operation or producer's records are currently available in a Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office from previous participation in a fiscal year 2009 dairy program administered by the agency. FSA will use existing production data maintained by the FSA county office for the months of February through July 2009 to calculate and issue payments.

Dairy producers who do not have production records at the FSA county office, and who have not been contacted to obtain such data for the months of February through July 2009, may apply to receive DELAP benefits during the 30-day application period beginning Dec. 17, 2009. The deadline to submit requests for DELAP program benefits is January 19, 2010.

FSA will calculate payments based on each qualifying dairy operation's total pounds of production commercially marketed during the months of February 2009 through July 2009, multiplied by two, up to six million pounds per dairy operation. A national per hundredweight payment rate will be calculated by dividing the available funding of \$290 million, less a reserve established by FSA, by the total pounds of eligible production approved for payment.

Payments to eligible dairy producers will be calculated by multiplying the established payment rate by the dairy producer's share of the dairy operation's eligible production payment quantity.

DELAP eligibility requirements are available at the county office or on line at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Intenet/FSA_File/delap09.pdf.

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.

Help Available to Stressed Farmers

In the past year, the economy, inclement

weather, drought and other factors have hurt many farming operations around the country. These events pushed some farmers to the emotional breaking point. Watching their livelihood being threatened is difficult for farmers and ranchers and especially for those who care about them.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline is available to help. If you know a farmer or rancher who is under stress and is reluctant to ask for help, or if you just need to talk to someone, call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Your call will be routed to the crisis center nearest you, where trained staffers are available 24/7. This nationwide service is free and confidential. Help is just a phone call away.

For additional information, you may go to <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>. This service is not affiliated with the US Department of Agriculture.

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.

Selected Interest Rates for January 2010	
Farm Operating - Direct	2.875%
Farm Ownership - Direct	4.750%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Down Pmt	1.500%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility - 7 year	2.875%
Commodity Loans	1.375%
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%

Bank & Bank 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.

Form 1099-G - New Procedures

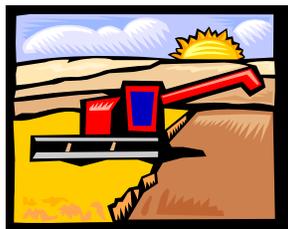


Producers annually receive CCC-1099Gs detailing payments producers have received from FSA. This year, the 2009 Advance payments producers received from the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) Program were processed as overpayments and offset from the 2009 Final payments. The 2009 Advance payments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



County Committee Election Results

CONGRATULATIONS to **HENRY C VOGLER IV** who was elected to represent farmers from **LAA 2** and to **LEE ROB MATHEWS** who was re-elected to represent farmers from **LAA 4**.

Hank Vogler is a well-known local stockman who resides in North Spring Valley with his family. Hank's main concern is his continuation to champion agriculture and put forth his full effort assisting producers in successfully applying for any and all programs the agency administers.

Lee Mathews is from Pioche. He produces alfalfa hay, grain, a few Angus/Hereford cross-bred cattle, some buffalo, and provides feed and habitat for deer on the family ranch. Lee was the recipient of the 2009 Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award sponsored by the Nevada Farm Bureau.

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation.

The committee members will hold their organizational meeting January 20, 2010 to determine who will serve as the county committee chairman and vice-chairman.

Customer Statement

January signals the beginning of a new year, and a time to starting thinking about filing taxes. Producers who have signed up for a USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account will be able to access their farm data via their Customer Statement.

The Customer Statement puts a range of USDA services and programs into a single report that's at your fingertips and available online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

It allows USDA customers to view their participation, application and payment status in various commodity and conservation programs; information on farm loans; and conservation plan and land unit information.



Dates to Remember	
Jan 4	SURE Signup Begins
Jan 18	Holiday – Martin Luther King Day
Jan 20	County Committee Meeting
Jan 29	LDP - Unshorn Lamb Pelts Closes for 2009 crop year
Feb 15	Holiday – President's Day – Office closed

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