



Ely FSA Office News



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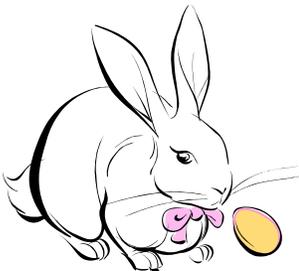
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NOTICE: All NAP Producers

Producers who purchased 2010 NAP must complete a 2010 acreage report on all acreage by the acreage reporting date. If you have **grain crops** you must complete a 2010 **acreage report by June 15, 2010**. All other crops this includes **grazing land** must be reported **by July 15, 2010**. The reports must be done in the Ely Office and signed and dated by the producer. If the producer has BLM and/or FS permits, you are required to provide a copy of all the current permits when you complete the acreage report.

If you had grass hay coverage in 2009 and have not provided the Ely Office with a production report on your hay crop for 2009, you must do so by the date you complete a 2010 acreage report.

Please call the office for an appointment to complete your 2010 acreage report, 775-289-4990 ext 101.

NAP Enrollment

Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes. Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and pay the applicable service fees by the closing date. Application closing dates vary by crop. The deadline for forage is October 31st and grazing is December 1st.

Note that insurance coverage on all crops is required to remain eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs such as SURE, LFP, TAP, and ELAP. Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides coverage to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not availa-

ble, including fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turf grass and forage crops just to name a few.

More information about NAP may be found on the FSA web site located at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

Farm Safety

Flowing grain in a storage bin or gravity-flow wagon is like quicksand; it can kill quickly. It takes less than five seconds for a person caught in flowing grain to be trapped.

The mechanical aspects of grain handling equipment also present a real danger. Augers, power take-offs, and other moving parts can grab you or the clothing you might be wearing.

These hazards, along with pinch points and missing shields, are dangerous enough for adults – not to mention children. It is always advisable to keep children a safe distance from operating farm equipment. Always use extra caution when backing or maneuvering farm machinery. Insure everyone is visibly clear and accounted for before machinery is engaged.

Your friends at FSA want all farmers to have a productive crop year, and that begins with putting safety first!

| Selected Interest Rates for April 2010 | |
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| Farm Operating - Direct | 2.875% |
| Farm Ownership - Direct | 5.000% |
| Limited Resource | 5.000% |
| Farm Ownership - Down Pmt | 1.500% |
| Emergency | 3.750% |
| Farm Storage Facility - 7 year | 3.125% |
| Commodity Loans | 1.375% |
| 90-Day Treasury Bill | 0.125% |



Funds Available to Help Landowners Protect Sage-Grouse

Apply by April 16

A new funding initiative to protect greater sage-grouse habitat has been launched by the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Nevada and other western states.

Bruce Petersen, Nevada NRCS State Conservationist said, "Sage-grouse have been a species of concern for the past several years due to loss of habitat. We are providing financial as well as technical assistance to landowners on private and public land to improve sage-grouse habitat."



NRCS offers a variety of conservation practices that will improve greater sage-grouse habitat, such as removing encroached pinyon and juniper trees, planting native species, removing or retrofitting fences to make them more visible and wildlife-friendly, and installing wildlife escape ramps in existing watering facilities.

Landowners will receive cost-share payments for implementing conservation measures to improve greater sage-grouse habitat. For example, payment rates for removing pinyon and juniper trees in 2010 will be from \$200-\$600 per acre, depending on the method of removal. NRCS reimburses participants once the conservation practice has been successfully implemented. Program participants may choose to do the work themselves or hire it out.

Priority will be given to removing encroached pinyon and juniper trees within sage-grouse habitat, especially within 3 miles of active lek sites, and for range seeding within sage-grouse habitat affected by wildfire. Removing or retrofitting fences and installing wildlife escape ramps are also high priorities.

"We hope to create healthy, self-sustaining sage-grouse populations with this initiative," said Petersen.

Acreage Reporting



The acreage reporting deadline is fast approaching. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many FSA programs. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acreage reports are to be certified by the **June 15th, 2010**, deadline on small grains and a **July 15th, 2010** deadline on all other crops.

Acreage reports on crops for which NAP assistance may be paid are due in the county office by the earlier of these two options: 1) **June 15th** for small grains and **July 15th** for all other crops, or 2) 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

2010 DCP Signup Continues

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and 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 advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment.

Cold Storage Facility Loans

The Farm Storage Facility Loan program has been amended to allow producers to build cold storage facilities to store their fresh fruits and vegetables. To be eligible, cold storage facilities must have a useful life of 15 years and include:



- New structures suitable for a cold storage facility;
- New walk-in prefabricated permanently installed coolers suitable for storing fresh fruits and vegetables;
- New permanently affixed cooling, circulating and monitoring equipment;
- Electrical equipment integral to the proper operation of a cold storage facility; and must be
- An addition or modification to an existing storage facility.

USDA will not make cold storage facility loans for portable structures, portable handling and cooling equipment, used, or pre-owned structures or cooling equipment or structures deemed unsuitable.

The maximum loan amount for a Farm Storage Facility loan is \$500,000 per loan, which requires a down payment of at least 15 percent. Applications must be approved before construction can begin. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan.



Loans applications should be submitted to the administrative FSA county office that maintains the records of the farm or farms to which the application applies. If the commodities are produced on land that does not have farm records established, the application must be submitted to the FSA county office that services the county where the facility will be located. For more information on this program or other FSA farm programs please contact your local FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Census Counts Rural America

The USDA Farm Service Agency and the U.S. Census Bureau encourage all farmers and ranchers to complete the 2010 census. Census forms mailed in March to all residents in the U.S. and Puerto Rico contain only 10 questions. The census takes only 10 minutes to complete and mail back, postage-paid.

Counting everyone is critical to the security of rural communities. It ensures that more than \$400 billion in yearly federal funding is allocated to communities for schools, broadband initiatives, hospitals, emergency services and public works. The census also determines the state's number of seats in the House of Rep-

preventatives and will affect a state's gain or loss in house seats.

Completing the census is not only the law, but tool to improve your voice on rural issues. Make sure you are counted.

2010 FSA County Committee Elections

The election of Ag producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers, whether beginning or long-established, with large or small operations. County committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA in that they help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties as well as help serve the needs of local producers.

Nominations

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign nomination form FSA-669A. The form includes a statement that the nominee

agrees to serve if elected. This form is available at USDA Service Centers and online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA> under News and Events/County Committee Elections.

Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on **Aug. 2, 2010.**

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. Additionally, organizations representing minority and women farmers or ranchers may nominate candidates. Nomination forms are filed for the county committee of the office that administers a producer's farm records.

Election Period

June 15, 2010 – Nomination period begins

Aug. 2, 2010 - Last day to file nomination forms FSA-669A) at local USDA Service Ctr

Nov. 5, 2010 - Ballots mailed to eligible voters

Dec. 6, 2010 - Last day to return voted ballots to USDA Service Center

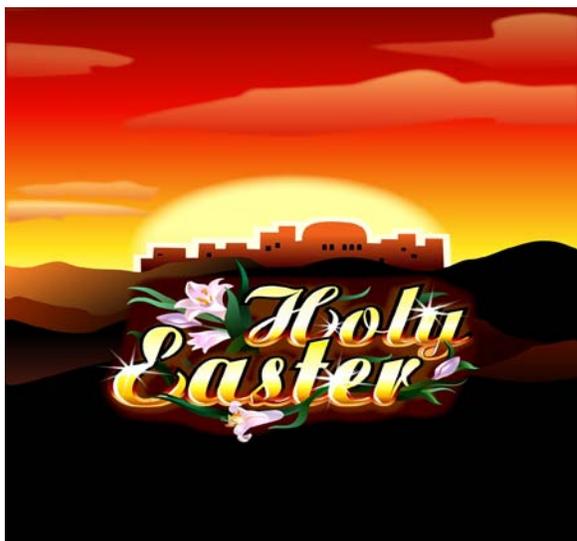
Jan. 1, 2011 - Newly elected county committee members take office



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| Dates to Remember | |
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| Apr 1-2 | Office Closed |
| Apr 21st | County Committee Meeting |
| May 3 & 7 | Office Closed |
| May 10-14 | Office Closed |
| May 31 st | Memorial Day – Office Closed |
| June 1 | Deadline for 2010 DCP sign up |
| June 15 | Deadline for all grain producers to complete acreage report |
| July 15 | Deadline for all other producers to complete an acreage report, includes grazing land |

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