



Ely FSA Office News



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NAP Coverage

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop. NAP provides coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statutes limit NAP coverage to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available.

Application deadline for 2011 NAP coverage for forage is **October 31st** and **December 1st for grazing.**

Producers who already have coverage on 2010 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2011, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee.

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail and other natural causes.

For more information and specific NAP crop deadlines, contact your nearest Farm Service Agency office.

Kids and Farm Safety

The need for farm safety awareness for children does not diminish after they return to school. Fall harvest and work with livestock still exposes kids to risks on evenings and weekends. Farm Safety 4 Just Kids recommends the following protection when dealing with grain, ATVs and livestock:

- Always lock access doors to grain storage structures.
- Lock out power to all types of grain-handling equipment.
- Always use the buddy system when you are unloading or loading grain, notifying a second person where you are.
- Never permit children to ride in grain wagons or enter grain storage areas.
- Always know where ALL family members are (especially children) at all times when grain is being loaded, unloaded, moved or otherwise handled.

ATV drivers: No matter what function the ATV performs, remember that it is only as capable as the operator.

Chores involving livestock care and handling are often one of the first responsibilities given to children, increasing their exposure to dangers at an early age.

When working around animals encourage your children to:

- Be calm, move slowly, avoid loud noises
- Wear steel toed shoes
- Avoid the hind legs of the animal
- Approach large animals at the shoulder
- Children should avoid animals with newborns
- Children should avoid stallions, bulls, rams, and boars
- Always have an escape route when working with animals in close quarters
- Wear helmets when riding horses.



Farm Loan Programs

The 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 \$1,112,000. 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.

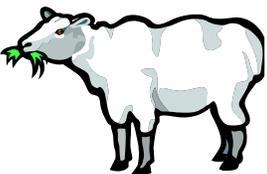


For details please contact the county office staff for an appointment.

NRCS First Round Funding

Nevada agricultural producers who apply by **Oct. 29** will be considered in the first round for funding for conservation programs. Applications are being accepted for Nevada's three most popular conservation programs: Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Agricultural Management Assistance and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary, technical and financial assistance program designed to help farmers improve irrigation efficiency; manage nutrient run-off and/or animal waste; improve the health of native plant communities; and reduce soil loss. In most instances, producers who participate in the program pay for roughly half of the costs of the conservation measures or practices.



Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) provides cost share assistance to producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations. Producers may construct

or improve water management structures or irrigation structures; plant trees for windbreaks or to improve water quality; and mitigate risk through production diversification or resource conservation practices, including soil erosion control, integrated pest management, or transition to organic farming.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for conservation-minded landowners who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on agricultural land, nonindustrial private forest land, and Indian land.

Eligible producers may receive a payment based on the statewide average cost of the installation of the conservation practice. Socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers are eligible for a higher payment based on the statewide average cost of the installation of the conservation practice. In addition, socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers can receive up to 30 percent advanced payment for purchasing materials or contracting.

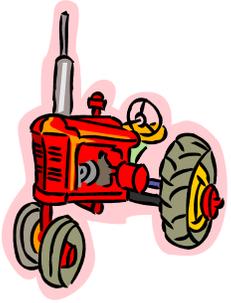
Interested producers should visit their nearest USDA Service Center to determine eligibility. Individuals are not eligible until they have completed the Farm Bill eligibility requirements. Applicants who want to be considered for a fiscal year 2011 contract under these three programs will need to have a signed application on file by Oct. 29.

The Oct. 29 sign-up deadline is for Nevada's general EQIP funding. According to the NRCS, there may be additional ranking deadlines later in the year for some of the EQIP special initiatives such as sage-grouse, organic and possibly others.

Interested agricultural producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA service center office for assistance and complete details, or check the agency's web site at www.nrcs.usda.gov.

Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to 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. Loan requirements are:

- US citizenship or legal resident alien status
- 10 to 20 years of age
- Compliance with FSA general eligibility requirements
- Reside in a rural area, city or town (population 50,000 or less)
- Unable to obtain loan from other sources
- Ability to conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work.
- Demonstrate a 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 answer questions about eligibility for projects you may propose and about general program requirements.



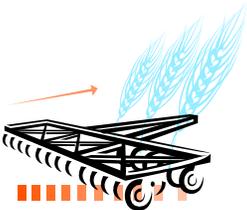
Selected Interest Rates for August 2010	
Farm Operating - Direct	2.375%
Farm Ownership - Direct	4.375%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Down Pmt	1.500%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility - 7 year	2.250%
Commodity Loans	1.250%
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%

SURE Application Deadline

The **deadline** for 2008 SURE program payment applications is **COB September 30, 2010**.

There are no provisions for late-file applications. Applications **not** filed by **September 30, 2010**, regardless of the reasons why, will **not** receive a payment because of lack of funding.

Note: Applications **do not** have to be paid by **September 30, 2010**. However, the application **must** be filed by **September 30, 2010**, to be eligible for payment consideration.



Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather; including losses because of hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat, and extreme cold. The livestock death losses must have also occurred in the calendar year for which the benefits are being requested.

Producers who suffer livestock death losses must submit a notice of loss (30 days after death is apparent) and an application for payment (Jan.30, 2011-Final Date) to the local FSA service center that maintains the farm records for their business.

For more information visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

USDA Begins Conservation Loan Program

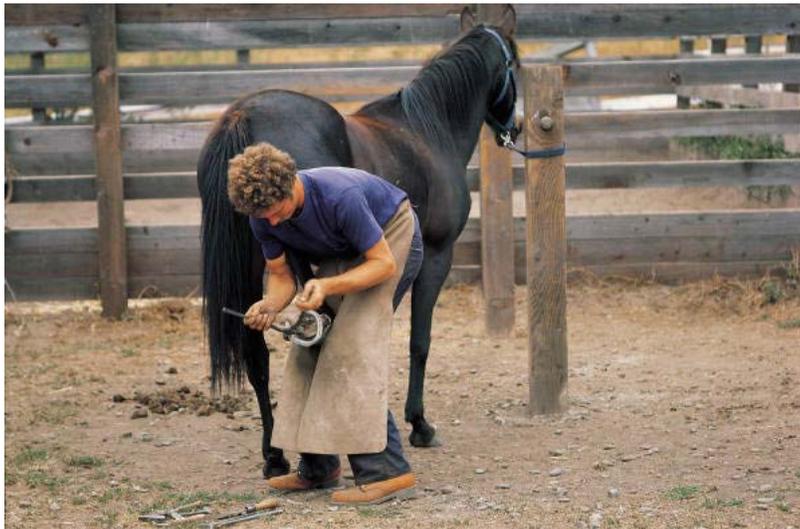
USDA Farm Service Agency Farm Loan Chief Carolyn Persinger announced the launch of a Conservation Loan (CL) program that will provide farm owners and farm-related business operators access to credit to implement conservation techniques that conserve natural resources. "Farmers who want to implement conservation measures on their lands can get a chance to do so by obtaining assistance with their up-front costs," said Persinger "In return, these producers will help reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and promote sustainable and organic agricultural practices."

Direct CLs can be obtained through local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices with loan limits up to \$300,000. Guaranteed CLs up to \$1,112,000 are available from lenders working with FSA. CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), such as installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques or technologies.

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Dates to Remember	
Oct 11	Columbus Day - Office Closed
Oct 31	Last day to buy 2011 NAP forage coverage
Nov 11	Veterans Day – Office Closed
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Dec 1	Last day to buy 2011 NAP grazing coverage
Dec 6	COC Election Ballots due
Dec 8	COC Election Ballots counted
Dec 24	Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
Dec 31	New Year's Holiday – Office Closed

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