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CCC-927 or -928 Disclosure Form Needed by IRS

Producers who participated in 2009 or 2010 programs subject to adjusted gross income limitations (AGI) had to certify compliance with AGI rules. The average AGI verification process for 2009 and 2010 payment eligibility requires all program participants to provide written consent to IRS for the disclosure of certain information to FSA.

On October 6, 2010, a letter was mailed to producers who have not submitted either: CCC-927: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information-Individual Form", or CCC-928: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information-Legal Entity"

Individuals and legal entities, including members of legal entities, that certified to average AGI compliance for 2009 and/or 2010 payment eligibility must submit a completed CCC-927 or CCC-928 to IRS regardless of whether they received program benefits directly or as a member of a joint operation or entity. These forms must be submitted to IRS in order to avoid a demand for refund of program payments and benefits received.

NAP Deadline

REMEMBER: Last day to purchase 2011 NAP coverage for grazing is December 1st!

"Thanks to Nevada Mines"

"It's not gold, but just as valuable to Nevada agriculture," said FSA State Director Clint Koble. The commodity shared by several major Nevada mining corporations is historic precipitation data.

Drought disaster payments for Nevada farmers and ranchers are contingent on the National Drought Monitor's designation of drought level. Lack of data from Nevada rural areas has

hampered proper designation in the past.

Thanks go to the following mines for sharing their warehouse of historic and current data with the Desert Research Institute to help in these determinations: Barrick Gold, Newmont Mining, Goldcorp and Jipangu Mining.

County Committee Elections

Ballots for this year's county committee election were mailed to eligible voters on November 5, 2010. Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office **by the close of business on December 6, 2010. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by midnight December 6, 2010.**

This year the candidates are:

LAA 1

JENSON, Daren
PHILLIPS, Don
REID JR., Max

LAA 3

HARRIS, Annette
WIERSMA, Douglas

Eligible voters in a local administrative area LAA 1 and/or LAA 3 who have not received a ballot should contact the FSA county office staff.

Voter Requirements Persons meeting requirements in **1 or 2, plus 3**, below, are eligible to vote:

1. Be of legal voting age and have an interest in a farm or ranch as either a) or b):

a) an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper, *or*

b) a partner in a general partnership or member of a joint venture that has an interest in a farm as an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper;

2. Not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm; *and*



3. Eligible to participate in any applicable FSA program that is provided by law, regardless of funding status.

Discrimination Prohibited No person shall be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

Changing Banks

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.



Selling Land

If you're planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, if you're planning to sell land that's enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you might have to refund all of the payments you've received to date.

Reviewing program implications with your local Farm Service Agency staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.

| Selected Interest Rates for November 2010 | |
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| Farm Operating - Direct | 2.000% |
| Farm Ownership - Direct | 4.125% |
| Limited Resource | 5.000% |
| Farm Ownership - Down Pmt | 1.500% |
| Emergency | 3.750% |
| Farm Storage Facility - 7 year | 1.875% |
| Conservation Loan (New) | 5.000% |
| Commodity Loans | 1.250% |
| 90-Day Treasury Bill | 0.125% |



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>

Farm Loan Year End Reviews

Producers that have a farm loan with FSA are reminded they must provide data for their Year-End Analysis to their loan officer each year. Borrowers are urged to provide this information timely so that their files can be maintained.

Applications for FSA Farm Loan Assistance

Farmers and ranchers that intend to apply to the Farm Service Agency for loan assistance for the upcoming crop year are encouraged to file their applications as early as possible. Failure to apply early may result in a delay in processing loans due to the volume of applications. Contact your local FSA Farm Loan representative for more details and assistance in applying

Operating Loan Applications

Farmers that plan to apply for annual operating loan assistance are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Farmers should contact their local FSA office for information.



Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program. Methods used for farm reconstitution are:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;



DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.

NRCS Extends Sign-up Period for Conservation Stewardship Program

Bruce Petersen, Nevada state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, announced that the deadline has been extended for the Conservation Stewardship Program. Producers will now be able to submit applications through Jan. 7, 2011.



“The deadline was extended by NRCS Chief Dave White to allow producers more time to complete their applications,” said Petersen. “We hope extending the deadline will allow even more producers to participate in this program.”

All producers are encouraged to apply for CSP. Authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, CSP offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and nonindustrial forestland. The program provides many conservation benefits including improvement of water and soil quality, wildlife habitat enhancement and adoption of conservation activities that address the effects of climate change.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if CSP is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contract obligations and potential payments. It is available from local NRCS offices or online at

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html.

For more information, contact the Ely USDA Service Center at 775/289-4065 Cory Lytle ext 105, Clint Anderson ext 106, Ed Sturges ext 112, or the Nevada NRCS Web site at <http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov>

Nevada Biofuels

FSA in Nevada hosted a **Biofuels Opportunities** Meeting on Nov. 9 in Carson City. Input was obtained from a variety of interested parties regarding infrastructure development and agricultural production issues. Comments will assist in final development of a USDA Biofuels Report being prepared in Washington, DC.

Written comments may be sent to: mark.williams@nv.usda.gov or call 775-887-1222 x116.

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| Dates to Remember | |
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| 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 30 & 31 | New Year's Holiday – Office Closed |

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