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Remember to Give Thanks !

Disaster Assistance Programs

The array of FSA disaster programs include:

- ◆ **(ELAP)** Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish
- ◆ **(LFP)** Livestock Forage Disaster Program
- ◆ **(LIP)** Livestock Indemnity Program
- ◆ **(TAP)** Tree Assistance Program
- ◆ **(SURE)** Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program

To be eligible for **SURE**, **TAP**, and **ELAP**, producers must purchase catastrophic risk protection insurance for all insurable crops, and coverage for non-insurable crops. For **LFP**, grazed land must be covered. Farm-Raised Fish means all fish being produced for sale by an eligible producer. In the case of honey, the term "farm" means all bees and beehives in all counties that are intended to be harvested for a honey crop by an eligible producer. Producers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource Producer or Beginning Farmer or Rancher do not have to meet the risk management purchase requirements.

County Committee Voting Begins

Ballots for this year's county committee election will be mailed to eligible voters on November 4, 2011. Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office by the close of business on December 5, 2011. If mailed, ballots must be post-marked by midnight December 5, 2011.

KELLY MILLER has been nominated to again be a participating member of and represent LAA 4 on the County Committee. Kelly and his family reside in Hiko where Kelly's farming operation is located.

Eligible voters in Local Administrative Area 4 who have not received a ballot should contact the FSA County Staff.

VOTER REQUIREMENTS: Persons meeting requirements **1** or **2**, **plus 3**, below are eligible to vote:

1. Legal voting age and have an interest in a farm or ranch as any of the following: An individual, an authorized representative of an entity, spouses when property is owned jointly or in community property states
2. Not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm.
3. Participates or cooperates in any FSA program that is provided by law.

DISCRMINIATION 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 martial or family status.

Move with FSA to Instant Electronic Information

The USDA Farm Service Agency offices are moving toward a paperless operation.

Producers can now enroll in the new GovDelivery system for notices, newsletters and electronic reminders thereby



discontinuing the slow and costly paper copies received through the mail.

FSA, like many other organizations, is working smarter and more efficiently. Conversion to electronic notifications via email helps conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars.

County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

Subscribe now to receive free e-mail updates at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe> or use the box "Sign up for updates" on the FSA home page.

NOTICE: Hispanic and/or Women Farmers / Ranchers; Native Americans & African Americans



If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits, you may be eligible to apply for compensation at:

Hispanic or Women: If denied benefits between 1981 and 2000
Call: 1 888 508 4429
Online: www.farmerclaims.gov

Native Americans: If denied benefits between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999
Call: 1 888 233 5506
Online: www.indianfarmclass.com

African American: If denied benefits between October 13, 1999 and June 18, 2008
Call: 1 888 472 7826
Online: www.blackfarmcase.com

2012 DCP / ACRE Signup

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment begins January 23, 2012, and ends June 1, 2010.

REMINDERS:

* All Producers planting on **DCP base acres** must be identified on the DCP/ACRE Contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm

- * Changes in the farm after enrolling June 1, 2012 in DCP/ACRE **MUST** be reported to your local FSA Office such as: Ownership changes; Producer changes (Individuals and Entities); Change in crop shares arrangements
- * Changes cannot be made after September 30, 2012.

Loans for the Socially Disadvantaged

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Funds are available for operating loans and to purchase or improve farms or ranches (ownership loans).

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 someone who has been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identify as a member of a 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.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Online Services

Producers with internet access can fill out a variety of FSA forms online. Producers can also register for secure electronic access that will allow them to electronically sign and transmit some forms directly to the county office staff. If you are new to the website, first you will want to obtain a Level 2 USDA Service Center Customer ID and password at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/> and then click on "Create an Account Page" link.





If you already have a Customer ID and password, then click on the following eForms website at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet> and then click on the "Sign In" button. A disclaimer window will open and after you read the "Warning message" click on the "Continue" button.

Then the USDA Web services page will open to the eAuthentication login page. Enter your login User ID and password and then click on the "Login" button. To sign and transmit forms electronically, you must sign up and get a User ID and password.

Funding Available to Restore Lands Impacted by 2011 Wildfires

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is offering funding to agricultural producers to restore land impacted by the 2011 wildfires. NRCS is offering funding under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program for ranchers and farmers to apply necessary conservation practices on lands damaged by fires.

Action needs to be taken now to repair the land damaged by the wildfires. The 2011 fires severely impacted lands that provide critical habitat for several wildlife species of concern including sage-grouse, and negatively impacted livestock grazing operations dependent on these areas for forage.

Eligible conservation practices may include erosion control structures, rangeland seeding, fencing to protect sensitive areas and grazing management.

Farmers and ranchers must meet EQIP eligibility requirements. Private and public lands may be enrolled into the program. **Applicants are encouraged to apply by November 18 to be considered for this year's funding cycle.**

NRCS will coordinate treatment alternatives and activities with public land management agencies for applicants who include public lands.

For more information or to apply for funding, contact the Ely Field Office 775-289-4065.



Changing Banks

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

To maintain efficient processing, it is critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make with your financial institutions.

If you have made changes to accounts or have changed banking institutions, these changes might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments. When changes like these are made, be sure to contact the FSA county office so we can update our records to ensure efficient and uninterrupted service.

Adjusted Gross Income Report to IRS – Act Now

Producers should remember they must submit an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form (CCC-931) to maintain eligibility for 2010 and 2011 program benefits. Individuals and legal entities now are using one form: CCC-931 Certification and Consent.

The consent form authorizes IRS to verify that a producer's AGI is within the requirements for FSA programs eligibility. Producers who failed to file these forms before Sept. 2011 will receive a final notice from the National Office. This notice will give the producer a final opportunity to submit the CCC-931 prior to becoming ineligible for all program payments (with the exception of some earlier multi-year CRP contracts.) The letter will provide instruction on where the completed form must be sent.

IRS requires written consent from all individuals or legal entities before verification of AGI eligibility can be provided to USDA. For more information contact your local FSA office.

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INTEREST RATES NOVEMBER 2011		Dates to Remember	
90 - Day Treasury Bill	0.125%		OFFICE CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY
Farm Operating - Direct	1.375%	Nov 11	Office Closed - Veterans Day
Farm Ownership - Direct	3.750%	Nov 23-24	Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
Farm Ownership - Direct, Joint Financing	5.000%	Dec 1	Deadline to purchase NAP for grazing
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%	Dec 5	Deadline -- COC Ballots
Commodity Loans — 1966 to present	1.125%	Dec 8	COC Meeting -- Count Ballots
Farm Storage Facility—7 yrs	1.500%	Dec 26-27	Office Closed - Christmas Holiday
Farm Storage Facility — 10 yrs	2.000%		COC — meet 3rd Wed of month on an “as needed” basis
Conservation Loan	3.750%		

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