

BERNALILLO-SANDOVAL COUNTY FSA OFFICE

FEBRUARY 4, 2008

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROG.

THE NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) IS INSURANCE YOU PURCHASE THROUGH THIS OFFICE THAT PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCERS OF NONINSURABLE CROPS WHEN LOW YIELDS, LOSS OF INVENTORY, OR PREVENTED PLANTING OCCURS DUE TO A NATURAL DISASTER.

FINAL DATE TO PURCHASE 2008 NAP	
Cabbage, Carrots, Spinach	Feb. 1, 2008
Beans, Corn, Dry Peas, Flaxseed, Millet, Potatoes, Rapeseed, Sorghum, Soybeans, Squash, Sunflowers, Tomatoes	March 15, 2008

CCC-576 NOTICE OF LOSS FILING REQUIREMENT-NAP

If a natural disaster occurs and you purchased NAP insurance, a notice of loss **MUST** be filed on a CCC-576, **within 15 calendar days** after the:

- Latter of the occurrence of prevented planting or the end of the planting period.
- Disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent to the producer.
- An appraisal must be completed prior to destroying the crop or putting the crop to another use. Contact this office for an appraisal.
- If you have NAP coverage on **NATIVE GRASS**, production loss must be over 50% and **you must file a notice of loss within 15 days after the first freeze**
- For **Bernalillo County**, First Fall Freeze is October 18th. Notice of Loss must be filed by Nov. 1st.
- For **Sandoval County**, First Fall Freeze is September 29th. Notice of Loss must be filed by Oct 12th.

NAP YIELD UPDATE

Production records for individual crops need to be filed to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide prior years' production and acreage to establish a yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up to date.

Records submitted must be reliable and verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. *All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.* If production records are not available, county average yields will be used.

OFFICE HOURS FOR ONE DAY A WEEK

REMINDER – The Bernalillo-Sandoval County Farm Service Agency (FSA) will close to the public at 1:00 o'clock p.m. every Wednesday. This office closure will allow the Bernalillo-Sandoval county FSA office staff to more expediently process loans, program applications, payments and other duties uninterrupted. FSA is attempting innovative ways to provide expert customer service by "doing more with less". This change in office hours will remain in effect until you are notified otherwise. The office will remain open during regular business hours on all other days.

RECORD CHANGES

Please contact our office with any changes in:

Acreage Divisions
Entity Type Changes
Acreage Combinations
Death of Owner/Operator
Direct Deposit information
Leases and/or New Leases
Change in Owner/Operator
Sale or Purchase of Land
Name and Address Changes

COC MEETING

4th WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Date	Time
February 27, 2008	10:00 a.m.
March 26, 2008	10:00 a.m.
April 23, 2008	10:00 a.m.
May 28, 2008	10:00 a.m.
June 25, 2008	10:00 a.m.
July 23, 2008	10:00 a.m.
August 27, 2008	10:00 a.m.
September 24, 2008	10:00 a.m.
October 22, 2008	10:00 a.m.
November 26, 2008	10:00 a.m.
December 6, 2008	10:00 a.m.

- Indicates change in meeting date due to Ballot Tabulation

BERNALILLO-SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Results of the election for Local Administrative Area #5, resulted in Elfego Aranda as the new committeeman.

Congratulations to Mr. Aranda! His term of office began January 1, 2008 and will run three (3) years.

At the Organizational Meeting held Wednesday, January 23, 2008, the COC elected the order of officers as follows:

Annie Sandoval, Chairperson
Estolano Griego, Vice-Chairperson
Larry Trujillo, Member
David Montoya, Member
Elfego Aranda, Member

HOLIDAY

The Bernalillo-Sandoval County FSA Office will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2008, in observance of Presidents' Day.

2008 WOOL & MOHAIR PRODUCTION



Are you preparing to shear your livestock? Will you sell, trade, give away, or process your 2008 fiber immediately after shearing? If so, stop in the office and apply for an LDP. Request to sign a CCC-633EZ form. **You must request the LDP before the LDP payment can be issued. For 2008, you can request the LDP now and next year when you lose beneficial interest, you can bring in your sales slip for payment.** You will receive the LDP rate in effect on the day your receipt indicates you transferred control or processed your fiber. If you will maintain interest in your wool or mohair for a period of time after shearing, you have the option of selecting the day you want to apply for an LDP. Unshorn pelts are also eligible for LDP.

DISASTER SIGNUP

Sign-up for the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program is still underway. No sign-up end date has been announced. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) which began October 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops.

The following Disaster Declarations and dates of disasters have been designated:

Bernalillo County

Drought and High Winds
01-01-2006 through 12-31-2006

Severe Storms and Excessive Moisture
07-26-2006 through 09-18-2006

Sandoval County

Severe Storms and Excessive Moisture
07-26-2006 through 09-18-2006

SELECTING A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

With today's farming operations covering more than one county, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) wants to inform producers they have the option to combine their farm records in the FSA office of their choice for convenience purposes. Selecting a new administrative FSA office is an option available to producers for the ease of servicing FSA program participation on farms in multiple counties.

Ordinarily Farm Service Agency procedure dictated that farm units were administered in the county office where the land was physically located. That restriction created the following problems:

- Producers had to visit two or more FSA offices for each task they wished to complete.
- Duplication of some tasks by the affected FSA offices and delayed payments as paperwork was transmitted between counties.

Changing to a new administrative county allows a producer to transfer farm records to a neighboring county office if they can document to FSA that the change would be "significantly" more convenient. Examples of significantly more convenient would be working in the town, or doing most other farming business in the town. Other reasons may exist.

Transferring farm records to a new administrative county office for convenience is a one time selection for the current operator and land owner. The operator and land owner must agree to do business in the new administrative county once the records are transferred. However, a new operator would have the option of transferring the land to another county in the future.

Additional information on transferring farm records is available at any FSA office. ***Please note that special provisions might apply to the administration of farm loans.***

UPDATING FARM/RANCH RECORDS

As many of you have noticed, the county office is working very hard to update your farm and ranch records. We require Deeds or Tax Records for your Deeded land. This proves that you in fact own the land. If you lease from the State of New Mexico, we need a Lease which also indicates acres. For BLM and USFS land, we need a permit and also the summary sheet indicating acres you are permitted. Many of you do not have leases from individuals you may lease land from. Many of your records show land you may no longer own. If you sell your land, the county office should be notified, so we can keep your farm/ranch current.

This information required is a one time event. After that whenever you apply for one of our programs, you will no longer have to provide the 'foundation' information. If there is a change in your farming/ranching operation then we would need the new updates.

Your understanding in this matter has been GREATLY appreciated by the county office staff. If you feel your records may not be in order, please notify us. We will be happy to make an appointment and assist you in updating your records.

CERTIFICATION DATES

Fall seeded crops and spring seeded small grains must be certified by **May 15th**

Spring seeded crops must be certified by **July 15th**

Ranchers – You must also certify your rangeland acreage. **If you purchased NAP coverage**, the rangeland acres must be reported 15 calendar days before the onset of grazing. New Mexico native grass crop year begins March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. Therefore, if you graze your pasture all year, you must certify by **February 15th** or pay a late fee. If you do not graze year around, you must certify 15 days before you graze.

If you did not purchase NAP insurance, the final date to certify native grass is July 15th.

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<p>County Committee: Annie Sandoval, Chairperson Estolano Griego, Vice-Chairperson Larry Trujillo, Member David Montoya, Member Elfego Aranda, Member</p>			<p>FSA Office Staff: BARBARA J ZELLERS, CED CONSUELO CORDOVA, PT Office Hours Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm</p> 
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