

BERNALILLO-SANDOVAL COUNTY FSA OFFICE

JUNE 1, 2009

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

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 2009 NAP	
Garlic, Onions, Sod Grass	Sept. 1, 2009

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. If production evidence is not provided timely, producer will receive a zero yield on their APH.

NAP FEE INCREASE

For 2009 Crop Year, NAP Fees have increased as follows:
From \$100 to \$250 per crop
From \$300 to \$750 per county maximum

USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY WEBSITE

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

BERNALILLO-SANDOVAL COUNTY OFFICE DAY

REMINDER: The Office Day for the Bernalillo-Sandoval County FSA Office is as follows:

Every Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. This will be accomplished by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call at 505-761-5441 or 865-4641 x 2 for an appointment.

COC MEETING

4th WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Date	Time
June 24, 2009	10:00 a.m.
July 22, 2009	10:00 a.m.
August 26, 2009	10:00 a.m.
September 23, 2009	10:00 a.m.
October 28, 2009	10:00 a.m.
November 25, 2009	10:00 a.m.
*December 10, 2009	10:00 a.m.

* December Meeting changed due to ballot counting

UPDATING FARM/RANCH RECORDS

The COF will update your records if you have changes to your farming/ranching operation. Please contact the office for changes to the following:

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 & Address Changes

DEFINITIONS AND APPLICABILITY

Socially Disadvantaged Group:

A socially disadvantaged group is a group whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities.

A socially disadvantaged farmer/rancher is a farmer/rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group. These groups consist of American Indians, Alaskan natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians, or Pacific Islanders or Hispanics. Gender is not a covered group under the 1990 Farm Bill definition.

Applicability: Waiver for Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Program, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, Farm Raised Fish, TAP, BCAP, CRP.

Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher

A Limited Resource farmer/rancher is a producer with a direct or indirect farm sale of not more than \$155,200.00 in both of the previous 2 years, and have a household income at or below the national poverty level (\$23,421.20 for Bernalillo County, \$26,447.85 for Sandoval County) in each of the previous 2 years.

Applicability: Waiver for DCP 10-acre exception, CRP, ECP, NAP, Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Program, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm Raised Fish, and TAP.

Beginning Farmer or Rancher

A Beginning farmer/rancher is an individual or entity who has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 consecutive years.

A producer can determine his status using their personal data at their State and County location by using the NRCS Limited Resource Farm and Rancher Online Self Determination Tool at the following website:

<http://www.lrfatool.sc.egov.usda.gov/tool.asp>

2008 NAP GRAZING LOSS UPDATE

The NM State Committee (STO) has approved the 2008 grazing losses for non-irrigated native grass, which were conducted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and New Mexico State Land Office (SLO).

In order to issue 2008 NAP payments for Native Grass (GZ) the grazing loss percentage must be above 50 percent.

The following loss percentages were presented:

Bernalillo County: 25%

Sandoval County: 24%

NRCS, BLM, and the NM SLO have served as the representatives to perform the independent assessments for the 2008 grazed forage acreage conditions.

All three independent assessments have been completed by forage specialists not having a financial interest in the outcome.

State Land Office – Assessment was determined using 2008 water year point precipitation data and specialists knowledge.

NRCS – Assessment was determined using local monthly precipitation totals from recording weather stations to augment precipitation information available in the Drought Management Calculator for the complete year.

BLM – Assessment was calculated taking the active Animal Unit Months (AUM's) permitted in each grazing district and the authorized AUM's in each grazing district to calculate a reciprocal of the authorized AUM's.

Based on the information submitted by the three independent sources, there will be NO Native Grass payments for 2008.

SPOUSAL INFORMATION

If you and your spouse are listed on the Deed or Tax Record, please provide the County Office with the name and social security number of your spouse so we may also list her/him on the Farm/Ranch Record as an owner. This will also make your spouse eligible to vote in the next County Committee elections when elections are held in that particular Local Administrative Area (LAA).

FARM LOAN PROGRAM UPDATES

FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institutions, or other lenders. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Our loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements. For more information, contact Allen Mackrain at 575-384-2272 in Estancia, NM.

FSA would like to welcome Diane Wilson as the new Farm Loan Officer to the FSA loan staff which serves District I. Diane was in the Roswell Farm Loan Office before coming to the Estancia Farm Loan Office. She has her full loan approval and servicing authority for the position.

NASS STATISTICAL SURVEY

The Quarterly Agricultural Surveys, conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) provide inventory and production estimates for crops and livestock at state and national levels. Each quarter, a random sample of farm operators are contacted by mail, telephone, or personal interview for inventory information on the land they operate. Sample segments also screened for farm operators.

Statistical information on acreage, production, stocks, prices, and income is essential for the smooth operation of Federal farm programs. It is also indispensable for planning and administering related Federal and State program in such areas as consumer protection, conservation, and environmental quality, trade, and education.

Regularly updating the information helps ensure an orderly flow of goods and services amount agriculture's producing, processing, and marketing sectors. Reliable, timely, and detailed crop and livestock statistics help maintain a stable economic climate and minimize the uncertainties and risks associated with the production, marketing, and distribution of commodities.

SHEEP PRODUCERS VOTE TO KEEP LAMB CHECKOFF

Sheep producers across the country recently voted to keep the lamb check off, which funds research and promotional activities, in place.

With the passage of the referendum, sheep producers, exporters, and feeders will continue to be assessed \$.005 (one half cent) per pound upon the sale of a live animal.

First handlers, like packing plants, are assessed \$.30 per head upon the purchase of an animal for slaughter. These assessments fund the work of the American Lamb Board, which includes research, promotion, marketing, and industry communications.

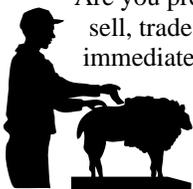
NRCS WORKSHOP

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be presenting a 2009 Producer Sustainable Workshop on How to Build Soil Structure and Healthy Soils. Topics include: Soil quality, salinity Management Irrigation Management, Best Management Practice, and more. The Workshop will be conducted on June 24, 2009 at the BIA Office located at 1001 Indian School Rd., Albuquerque, NM, Room 133. The Workshop will be conducted from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The afternoon session will be conducted at Joseph Ernest Jaramillo's Field, located at 300 Tribal Rd 90, in Isleta, NM.

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2009 WOOL & MOHAIR PRODUCTION



Are you preparing to shear your livestock? Will you sell, trade, give away, or process your 2009 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 2009, you can request the LDP now and 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.

ACREAGE CERTIFICATION

It's that time again. It is IMPORTANT that everyone certifies his/her acres.

Report your Spring Seeded Crops, such as Chile, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Spring Oats, Spring Wheat, Sudan, Sudex, Vegetables, Fruits, and Alfalfa, by **JULY 15TH**.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominating Petitions will be accepted through August 3, 2009. Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by close of business on August 3rd or postmarked by midnight the same day.

Elections will be held for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1, which covers the North Valley; North of I-40 to the County lines West; and East to the base of the Sandia Mountains in Bernalillo County and LAA #2, which covers the South Valley; all lands south of I-40 to include mountain areas of North and South 14, 17, and Southeast through the Chilili Land Grant in Sandoval County.

Nominating Petitions can be obtained at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>, in person at the FSA Office located at 2600 Palmilla Rd., Suite A, Los Lunas, NM 87031, or by Telephone at 505-865-4641 x 2.

NOMINATE A CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE BY AUGUST 3rd.



HOLIDAY

The Agricultural Service Center will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2009, in observance of Independence Day.

BUDGET CUTS

Due to Budget Cuts, the FSA County Office will not be hiring a Program Technician to fill the position vacated by the previous Program Technician. Melinda Martin, Program Technician for Valencia-Cibola Counties, and the CED will carry out all duties and administer programs for the four counties of Bernalillo-Sandoval, and Valencia-Cibola.

Due to medical reasons, Melinda Martin, will be on sick leave beginning June 10th and will continue for three weeks.

Your patience and consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Barbara J. Zellers, County Executive Director

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<p>County Committee: Estolano Griego, Chairperson Annie Sandoval, Vice-Chairperson Larry Trujillo, Member Elfego Aranda, Member David Montoya, Member Sam Montoya, Minority Advisor</p>			<p>FSA Office Staff: BARBARA J ZELLERS, CED MELINDA MARTIN, PT Office Hours at the Bernalillo COF: By Appointment Only</p> 
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