

Colfax County News

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NAP

NAP provides financial assistance to producers on noninsurable crops when low yield, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. Crops must be noninsurable and grown for food or livestock consumption. Eligible disasters are drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind, flood, heat, disease or insect infestation. Producers must apply for coverage and pay the applicable fee. The service fee is \$250 per crop per county not to exceed \$750 per producer per county and not to exceed \$1875 for multiple counties. Coverage begins 30 days after application coverage fees have been paid. A report of acreage must be filed to verify existence of the cropland and record the number of acres covered by the application. Acreage reports are combined with production reports to calculate approved yields. The approved yield is the average of your actual production history for a minimum of 4 years to a max of 10 years. When a natural disaster occurs, a Notice of Loss must be filed within 15 days. To receive benefits, natural disasters must reduce production by more than 50%. **The last day to purchase coverage for native grass, mixed forage, or alfalfa is January 31, 2010. Please be advised that many of the programs that will be coming out for disaster may only be paid if you purchase NAP coverage.**

Election Results

The FSA County Committee counted the ballots on December 8, 2009, for LAA 3, the position now held by Gary Shaw. Robert Gillespie was elected to the position

Certifications

To be in compliance producers must file an acreage report yearly on all crops providing name of the crop location and acreage of the crop and share of the crop, practice and date the crop was planted and intended use of the commodity. If you are certifying alfalfa, your crop must be less than 6 years old and we must have the planting dates on all crops. Alfalfa will not be eligible for coverage on the first planting year.

EQIP-WHIP

Deadline for EQIP-WHIP for fiscal year 2010 is January 15, 2010. If you need further information in these programs, please contact our NRCS office.

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COUNTY OFFICE CLOSURES

This office will be closed on December 25, 2009 in observance of Christmas Day. The office will be reopened on December 28, 2009. The Office will also be closed on January 1, 2010 in observance of New Years Day. The office will reopen on January 4, 2010.

Arthur Tafoya and Howard Wilcox wish everyone happiness and prosperity in the coming year.

COUNTY OFFICE MEETINGS

County committee meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the FSA office in the Federal Building, 245 Park Ave., Room 203, Raton New Mexico at 1:00 P.M.

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