



DE BACA COUNTY COURIER



October 2008

November 2008

IMPORTANT DATES	
October 10	Office will close at 1:00pm
October 13	Office Closed COLUMBUS DAY
October 20-24	Farm Bill Training-OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK
October 31	Halloween
First Week Oct	Payments will be issued for CRP
Last Week Oct	Payments will be issued for DCP

IMPORTANT DATES	
November 1	Deadline to file Notice of Loss on NAP coverage due to drought
November 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 3	COC Ballots mailed to eligible voters
November 3-7	Due to training-Office hours limited
November 11	Office closed VETERANS DAY
November 27-28	Office Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday

2009 EQIP Deadline - *October 16, 2008*
*All paperwork must be submitted to **NRCS**.*

*****Submit Rain Gauge Information to NRCS*****

USDA Declares De Baca County as Disaster due to Drought: If you feel you have a loss due to drought and purchased NAP grass coverage, you have until November 1, 2008 to file your Notice of Loss.

NAP APPLICATION CLOSING DATES EXTENSION: Due to the late announcement of the 2009 risk management purchase requirements for the Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance Programs, any 2009 NAP application closing dates established prior to December 1, 2008, are now extended to December 1, 2008. Crops included in this extension are: Barley, Canola, Oats, Rye, Triticale, Wheat, Apples, Apricots, Caneberries, Cherries, Grapes, Peaches, Pears, Pistachios, and Plums.

October 1st begins our new fiscal year and crop year for **2009**. NAP Grass applications will begin being accepted October 1, 2008. If you previously purchased NAP for Grass coverage and are eligible for continuous coverage, you will be receiving your notice in the mail during the month. If you are a new producer and have not previously purchased NAP coverage, you must visit our office to apply. Applications cannot be processed without payment to Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

NAP RATE INCREASE: The administrative service fees for NAP coverage have increased from \$100 to **\$250 per crop**, from \$300 to **\$750 per county**, and from a total of \$900 to **\$1875 per producer for all counties**. NAP fees are non-refundable.



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Permit NO. G-96

Staff

Earl Sena—CED
Perri Jennings—PT

Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

County Committee meets

the third Thursday
of each month at 1:30 pm

County Committee

Glenda Armstrong, Chairperson
Jack Achen, Vice-Chairperson
Eddie Pena, Member

Work schedules vary with respect to training and leave schedules due to limited personnel, so if you have a specific need, please feel free to call ahead to confirm staff availability or set up an appointment prior to your visit.

PLEASE NOTE ON OCTOBER CALENDAR: OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR TRAINING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20-24 IN ORDER FOR OUR STAFF TO ATTEND STATE-WIDE FARM BILL TRAINING.

If you suffer a weather related disaster, excluding the 2008 drought declaration, you must contact the county office within 72 hours of the event. A notice of loss must then be filed within 15 days of the disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop is apparent for all crops covered by NAP, including native grass.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECORDS CURRENT: You must contact the FSA office when changes occur with your operation. This includes owner, operator, address, phone, direct deposit, or death. Documents required may be deeds, leases including cash, State Land Office, BLM or other. It is also important to keep us informed of changes in the operational or management structure. If you have formed or dissolved a partnership, corporation, trust, LLC, or any other entity, it is critical that you inform us to assure program eligibility. Failure to report these changes can result in loss of benefits.

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