



# DE BACA COUNTY COURIER



November 2010

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IMPORTANT DATES	
November 1	Deadline to file NAP Notice of Loss for Native Grass
November 2	<b>ELECTION DAY</b>
November 5	COC Election Ballots mailed to eligible voters
November 7	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 11	OFFICE CLOSED-Veterans Day Holiday
November 20	NAP Deadline for apples, apricots, caneberries, grapes, peaches, pears, pistachios, plums
November 25-26	OFFICE CLOSED-Thanksgiving Holiday

IMPORTANT DATES	
December 3	Deadline to apply for EQIP Program with NRCS
December 5	Deadline to return voted COC Election ballots
December 9	Counting of COC Election ballots
December 23-24	OFFICE CLOSED-Christmas Holiday
December 31	OFFICE CLOSED-New Year's Holiday

We would like to welcome **Dean Bruce** to the De Baca County NRCS office as the new District Conservationist. Dean has transferred from the Curry NRCS office and succeeds D'Laynn Bruce who has accepted an Area Conservation Position. Also new to the NRCS office is **Nathan Fuchs**, Soil Conservationist. If you haven't already had the opportunity to meet these gentlemen, please stop by to say hello!

**EQIP**-Deadline to apply for the FY 2011 Environmental Quality Incentives Program is December 3, 2010. Please visit your local NRCS office or call (575) 355-2448, Ext. 3 for more information.

In conjunction with EQIP and all FSA programs, if there have been any changes to your operation for the 2011 crop year, you are required to complete new eligibility paperwork so that the County Committee can make direct attribution and actively engaged in farming determinations as required. Producers can now also begin certifying their Average Adjusted Gross Income for the 2011 crop year (Years 2007, 2008, and 2009). If a person or entity has AGI **nonfarm income** greater than **\$500,000**, they are not eligible for commodity, price support, disaster assistance and MILC programs. If a person or entity has AGI **farm income** greater than **\$750,000**, they are not eligible for direct payments (DCP). If a person or entity has AGI **nonfarm income** greater than **\$1 million**, they are not eligible for payments from conservation programs unless **66.66 percent** or more of the total AGI is from activities related to agricultural operations. Every producer completing AGI certification must also give consent to IRS to release tax information on Form CCC-927 or CCC-928.

## NAP NOTICE OF LOSS

If you purchased 2010 NAP insurance for native grass and feel you have a loss due to drought, **November 1, 2010 is the deadline to file a "Notice of Loss."** NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage. If you are unable to visit the office during the month of October, please call and request the form be mailed to you. **All completed and signed forms must be received in the office no later than November 1, 2010.**

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Farm Service Agency  
Permit NO. G-96

### **Staff**

Earl Sena—CED  
Perri Jennings—PT

### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

### **County Committee**

Glenda Armstrong, Chairperson  
Eddie Pena, Vice Chairperson  
(Vacant), Member

### **County Committee meets**

the third Thursday  
of each month at 1:30 pm

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

**November Mtg: Nov 4 @ 1:30pm**  
**December Mtg: Dec 9 @ 1:30pm**

**PAPER CHECK CONVERSION-OVER THE COUNTER (PCC-OTC):** Over the next year, FSA/CCC is moving toward an electronic method for processing producers' checks. This will allow FSA/CCC to process collections faster and more efficiently including reducing lost/misplaced checks and paper handling.. When producers present checks, either in person or through the mail, the checks will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt. The check will be scanned into the system, voided and stamped with the words, "Electronically Processed" or "Electronically Presented" and voided check will be returned to the customer. We believe this will improve customer relations, speed the check clearing process, and reduce the potential of human error.

Please see the US Treasury legal notices posted in the Service Center or visit the following internet site for detailed information: <https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm>

**NEW CROP REPORTING SOFTWARE:** We will be utilizing a new web-based crop reporting software beginning with the 2011 Crop Year. Because this new software will be in "REAL TIME," all producers will be required to certify their acreage prior to or by the deadline date with no exceptions. Deadline dates are advertised in the local newspaper as well as in the bi-monthly newsletters. It is the producers responsibility to certify by the deadline dates.

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