



**2011 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP) SIGNUP UNDERWAY,
DEADLINE WAS JUNE 1.**

CONTRACTS CAN BE ACCEPTED AS LATE-FILED THROUGH AUGUST 1ST.

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) ended **June 1, 2011**. The **Eddy County FSA is accepting contracts filed late through August 1, 2011**. If you have not signed the 2011 DCP contract, please contact the office as soon as possible to set up an appointment to complete your contract and eligibility forms. For more information producers can contact their local FSA office. (All owners and operators must sign the contract by the final deadline)

**Livestock Forage Disaster
Program**

**(ATTENTION LIVESTOCK
PRODUCERS)**

We are currently taking applications for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program. To date we have paid out approximately \$580,000 to producers.

This program is available to producers who purchased the Noninsured Crop Disaster Program coverage on Native Grass or to producers who have the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage coverage. If you did not obtain the coverage as listed, you may qualify to sign up for the program if you meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Beginning Farmer/Rancher
2. Socially Disadvantaged Producer
3. Limited Resource Producer

Please call the office for more information.



**Supplemental Revenue Assistance
Payments Program (SURE) Signup for
2009 Crop Year Underway,
Ends July 29**

Signup for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) began Jan. 10, 2011, and ends July 29, 2011. SURE provides benefits for 2008 - 2011 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disasters.

A farm enrolled in SURE may be eligible for benefits when either:

- farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties, that have incurred crop production or quality losses, or both, and includes all crops grown by a producer nationwide, **except** grazed crops.
- any farm in which, for the crop year, the actual production of the farm because of disaster related conditions is less than 50% or less than normal production of the farm.

If you experienced a loss on crop production in 2009 please call the office to see if you are eligible to apply.

**Eddy County
FSA Office**

June 2011

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COC Regular Meetings
Monthly—Third
Wednesday —1:00 PM

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The Farm Service Agency would like to remind crop and livestock producers throughout states that have recently experienced damage from flooding, wildfires and tornadoes that FSA programs are available to assist with recovery.

FSA administers several important programs that help producers recover from disaster damage and livestock deaths. Among the key programs available to address impacts from disasters are the:

1. Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
2. Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
3. Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)
4. Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
5. Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program
5. Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

Fact sheets for all of these programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets.

We encourage all who have suffered a disaster due to the recent severe weather conditions to read the fact sheets and visit their local FSA county office so they get a quick start in the recovery process.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the county FSA office staff directly or by phone.

CHANGING BANKS

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

The noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) is a federally funded program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and crops for livestock feed.

Drought conditions are wide-spread throughout the state. If you have crops that have been affected by drought or adverse weather conditions file a notice of loss **NOW or within 15 days that you notice you have a loss**. Do not wait until it is too late to receive assistance.

Production records for all crops must be reported to FSA no later than the final acreage reporting date for the crop for the following year. FSA requires that any production reported in a loss year be verifiable according to Agency specifications.

NAP Losses must be reported within 15 days of a disaster event or the date the loss becomes apparent.

Selected Interest Rates for June 2011	
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	2.750%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.000%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%
Emergency Loans	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility Loans (7 years)	2.625%
Commodity Loans	1.250%
Conservation Loans	5.000%

COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC)

NOMINATIONS:

Since COC elections happen only once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into *local administrative areas*, or LAAs. Each LAA selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee. Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three year term is expiring. In counties with three LAAs, one seat is up for election. In combined counties in some years, two seats may be up for election.



Nominations

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 farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. The nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at the county office or may be downloaded online at www.fsa.usda.gov. 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 the close of business on Aug. 1, or postmarked by midnight Aug. 1, 2011. The LAA holding the election this year is LAA 3, the southern part of the county. (Sharon Giovengo currently serves this area.)

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium, poppies and other drug producing plants.

FSA Participants Urged to Submit Consent Forms to IRS To Maintain Eligibility for 2009 and Future Years' Program Benefits

New Mexico agricultural producers and members of entities who participated in USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs in 2009 and 2010 who have not submitted consent forms to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are urged to do so now or they will not receive future USDA program benefits. Producers who fail to submit the consent forms to the IRS can be required to repay full program benefits received indirectly or directly since 2009.

The consent form authorizes IRS to calculate a payment recipient's average adjusted gross income (AGI) and provide FSA an indicator of whether the payment recipient's average AGI meets or exceeds the limitation amounts for FSA programs. Producers who participated in 2009, 2010, and/or 2011 FSA programs subject to AGI had to certify compliance with AGI rules on form CCC-926. As part of the compliance process, individuals must submit consent form CCC-927 to the IRS and legal entities must submit consent form CCC-928 to the IRS, which are available at county FSA offices and online on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov. The form became a requirement for payment eligibility beginning with the 2009 crop year, however many program participants have not complied with this requirement. On Oct. 6, 2010, a letter was mailed to participants who certified AGI compliance who have not submitted consent forms for 2009 and 2010. The deadline to submit the forms to IRS for 2011 was June 1st, 2011.

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"For 2009, 2010 and 2011, the deadline has passed, but individuals and legal entities, including members of entities, regardless of whether they received program benefits directly or indirectly, who have not submitted the form to IRS for any of these years, need to do so immediately in order to avoid a demand for refund of program payments and benefits received. Even if these producers do not normally file federal income taxes, they must still submit the appropriate CCC-927 or CCC-928. If you're unsure if you have submitted the appropriate form, you can contact your local county FSA office to see if you're on the list.

FSA is aware that in some instances such as Native American participants with little federally reportable income, or individuals and entities that are members of participating entities and have little or no IRS-reportable income on their own, who may not file federal taxes and may have had their CCC-927 or CCC-928 rejected by the IRS as a result. If individuals filed CCC-927 or CCC-928 and it was rejected because of lack of income data, please contact your FSA county office and provide them with a copy of the rejected form and IRS letter. For more info, contact your FSA county office.

2011 Acreage Reports Filing Deadlines

Crop Reporting deadlines are approaching. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops not covered by the NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acreage reports are to be certified by the **May 15** deadline on small grains and a **July 15** deadline on all other crops.

Exception Crops must be reported 15 calendar days if the crop:

is covered by NAP. The crops must be reported 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

- ◆ was Failed acreage. The crop must be within 15 calendar days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop.
- ◆ was Prevented planting. The crop must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay).