



**Guadalupe  
County  
FSA Office**

**May 2, 2011**

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**Hours**  
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7:30AM-5:00PM

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**County Committee:**

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Regular Monthly COC  
Meetings are held on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of  
each month at  
9:30a.m.  
All are Welcome to  
attend!

**DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM** Signup for the 2011 DCP program began in October. The deadline is June 1, 2011. To be eligible for this program, you must complete and file all your eligibility paperwork, and certify your farm by certification deadlines. You must also maintain your cropland according to DCP provisions. For more information, call or visit the county FSA Office

**ACREAGE CERTIFICATIONS** Producers are required to file FSA-578, Acreage Certification, for all small grains, fall and spring seeded by May 15, 2011. The Final date to certify all other crops is July 15, 2011. If you purchase NAP coverage, the rangeland acres must be reported 15 calendar days before the onset of grazing. New Mexico native grass crop year begins March 1, 2011. Therefore you must certify by February 14<sup>th</sup> or pay a late file fee.

**NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)** is designed to provide financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields or prevented planting occurs as a result to natural disasters. These benefits are only available for crops for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. Producers who choose to obtain NAP coverage for 2011 must file a CCC-471 application for coverage and pay the applicable service fee by the sales closing deadline. Eligible producers must pay a service fee of \$250 per crop up to \$750 for 3 or more crops/per county not to exceed \$1875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. Service fees may be waived for limited-resource producers. If you have NAP on a crop that suffers a covered loss, you must notify your local FSA Office by completing a *Notice of Loss* with 15 calendar days of the date the loss is apparent. Failure to timely report your loss may result in a loss of benefits.

If the cause of loss for Native Forage is **Drought**, producers must file a *Notice of Loss* no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of the Crop year.

**NAP SALES CLOSING DATES** Sept. 1st is the deadline to purchase 2011 NAP coverage for Garlic, Onions, and Sod Grass.

**ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME** USDA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for the tax review process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to FSA. The agreement ensures that payments are not issued to producers who AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs. Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) to the Internal Revenue Service to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from the local FSA and NRCS offices or online at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>.

## **COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS - 2011 - Election will be held for LAA-2**

**June 15, 2011 - Nomination period begins. Forms are available from your local FSA office and online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.**

**August 1, 2011 – Last Day to file nomination forms at the local FSA Office.**

**LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER** LFP was authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill to provide assistance to livestock producers for forage losses due to drought. Effective April 28, 2011, Guadalupe County and other surrounding counties became eligible to receive LFP payments. To participate, producers are required to have obtained NAP coverage for the grazed forage or paid administrative fee for NAP, unless “socially Disadvantaged,” “Limited Resource,” or “Beginning Farmer/Rancher.” Benefits are also available on federal land if prohibited from grazing due to fire. Eligible producers must own, cash or share lease or be a contract grower of covered livestock during the 60 calendar days prior to the beginning date of the qualifying drought and be rated by the US drought Monitor as having a:

- D2 (severe drought) in any area of county for at least eight consecutive weeks is eligible to receive assistance in an amount equal to one monthly payment.
- D3 (extreme drought) in any area of county at any time is eligible to receive assistance in an amount equal to two monthly payments.
- D3 (extreme drought) in any area of the county for at least four weeks or DF (exceptional drought) is eligible to receive assistance in a amount equal to three monthly payments.

FSA will calculate LFP payments at a payment rate equal to 60 percent of the lesser of 1) Monthly feed cost for all covered livestock owned or leased by the producer, or 2) Calculated by using the normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land of the eligible producer. Total LFP payments will not exceed three monthly payments for the same livestock. Payment limitations apply. Current livestock inventories are required. Please bring your current County Assessor's 2011 Notice of Value, with the current numbers of livestock to the local FSA Office to apply for LFP.

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