

HARDING COUNTY NEWSLETTER

COUNTY COMMITTEE

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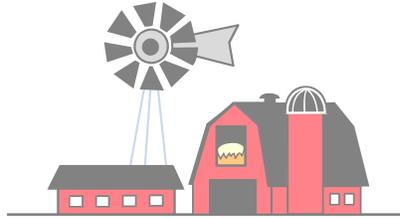
Darlene Hazen, LPT

COC REGULAR MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of
Each Month at 9:00 AM
Next meeting January 6, 2010

OFFICE HOURS

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday



TELEPHONE NUMBER

(575) 485-2294

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(575) 485-2495

January 2010

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION – The votes are in and Wallace Berner has been elected to serve on the COC for a three year term representing LAA 1. We want to thank those who took time to vote and thank Wally for being willing to serve the farmers and ranchers in Harding County.

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL RANCHERS:

January 31, 2010 is the deadline to pay \$250 Administration Fee for NAP coverage for Native Grass, Alfalfa GZ, Mixed Forage GZ. Ranchers you can mail in your checks made to CCC if you had coverage last year. You must certify your acres by February 15, 2010. If you did not have coverage last year, you will have to sign the application for coverage and need to come in.

Remember to be qualified for any livestock disaster programs in the future, you must purchase the NAP.

Don't wait until the last minute! Due to the shortage of staff, call to make an appointment today!

NAP producers who have a loss in the program must file a Notice of Loss in this office within 15 calendar days after: The latter of the occurrence of prevented planting or end of the planting period or the disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent to the producer. **Producers must certify all NAP Crops 15 days prior to any harvest or grazing. NAP Production records** must be filed to establish an approved NAP yield and maintain your program benefits. **It is very important to report your Production.**

Harding County has also been approved for a 2008 grass loss of 60%.

AGRICULTURAL FOREIGN INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1978 (AFIDA)

AFIDA became effective on 2/2/1979. It requires any foreign person who: a) acquires or transfers any interest other than a security interest in agricultural land to submit a completed form FSA-153 to the Secretary of Agriculture no later than 90 days after the date of acquisition or transfer, or: b) holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land on 2/1/1979, should have submitted a report to the secretary not later than 8/1/1979. Any foreign person, who holds, acquires or transfers any interest in agricultural land, who the Secretary of Agriculture determines did not submit form FSA-153 or who knowingly submitted a report that was incomplete, misleading, or false is subject to civil penalty of not more than 25% of the fair market value of the land on the date the penalty is assessed.

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RECORD CHANGES - Contact the Harding County FSA Office if there are any changes to your farming operation such as:

- * Name/Address/Telephone
- * Direct Deposit information
- * Death of owner/operator
- * Private/state leases
- * Change in owner/operator
- * Change in partnership, corporation, trust, estate, etc

Failure to report these changes can result in loss of benefits.

HOLIDAYS - The office will be closed for Martin Luther King Day, Monday January 18, 2010 and Monday February 15, 2010 for George Washington's Birthday

EQIP – Deadline to sign up for EQIP is January 15, 2010. Contact the NRCS Office at 575-485-2294 ext. 3 for more information.

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