

# **McKINLEY COUNTY FARM SERVICE NEWSLETTER**

## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SERVICE CENTER**

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FSA County Committee - Tina Bush, Chairperson Harrison Pablo, Vice-chairperson Vanessa Begay-Lee, Voting Member

7: 00a.m to 4:30p.m.

Monday thru Friday

Open during Lunch hour

**JUNE 2010**

### **LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM – LFP**

The **LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM** for 2009 payments have been issued to 304 livestock producers for a total payment of \$102,151.00. There are about 15 producers that have not completed in provided the necessary items to get their payment. This payment was made possible because McKinley was designated under the “U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR” as being under the D-2 –Severe condition for five weeks back at the end of the calendar year 2009. McKinley County is still designated as being D-0, Abnormally Dry.

### **COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION – LAA-3**

The County Committee (COC) elections provide farmers and ranchers the opportunity to represent all the producers in the three designated Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for McKinley County. All farmers and ranchers that are participating in any of the Farm Service Agency programs are encouraged to consider running for one of these seats. If you are NOT participating you can still be eligible to run and vote by stopping by the FSA Office to register to be put on the voters list by providing your identification data for an Active Agriculture Producer. Spouses are encouraged to register also. County Committee members are reimbursed for their time and travel for the usually monthly meetings in Gallup at the McKinley County Agricultural Service Center conference room from 9:00am to usually 12:00pm.

The LAA rotate every third year for election of the person representing that area. For the 2010 election, the LAA-3 is the one voting for a new representative. Harrison Pablo is the representative from LAA-3 now. He has not submitted his nomination petition yet. The LAA-3 is the area of from the Arizona border of the Chapters of Tsayatoh, Rock Springs, Red Lake, Twin Lakes, Mexican Springs, Tohatchi, Coyote Canyon, Standing Rock, Dalton Pass, Crownpoint, Little Water, and Becenti.

The nomination petitions (FSA-699A) are available at the FSA Office either of three ways of stopping by, fax or e-mail. You can nominate someone, with is signed permission, or you can nominate yourself. The FSA-669A must be returned or postmarked to the FSA Office by August 2, 2010. The ballots are mailed to all eligible voters for the LAA on November 5, 2010. Ballots are returned or postmarked by 12/06/2010. The new members take office on January 1, 2011.

**WOOL, MOHAIR, AND UNSHORN LAMBS**

2010 marketing year sales of wool and mohair can be filed now at the FSA Office. File the complete sales receipts as soon as you get them from the Trader. Complete receipts must have the name and address of both the buyer and seller, date There is no reason to hold them. The payment is calculated on the date of the sale. The payment rate changes usually each week based on the collected average of the purchased price of the buyers in the continental United States. Payment is issued once the sales receipt is recorded into the County Office computer and is transmitted to the Kansas City Payment Center. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR RECEIPT, FILE IT NOW.**

**NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – (NAP)**

2010 – The growing season is from April 1 to November 1, 2010 for native range grass. FSA-578, Acreage Reports for the 2010 are due now. CCC-576 Report of Loss and Request for Payment can be started in July, 2010. Good soil moisture will give better grasses for the grazing, but a lower percentage of loss to the drought.

**NEW TIME OF OPERATION FOR THE COUNTY OFFICE**

The McKinley County FSA Agriculture Service Center has changed the hours of operation to be open at 7:00am and close at 4:30pm. If these changes do not fit your schedule, you should call so that arrangements can be made.

**COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JUNE 16, 2010      JULY 21, 2010      AUGUST 18, 2010**

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**/s/ John Sakasitz, County Executive Director**

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