

OTERO-LINCOLN COUNTY FARM AND RANCH NEWS

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Regular County Committee Meeting on 2nd Thursday each month
At 10:00 a.m. in Alamogordo

County Committee

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Office Hours 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**September, 2011**

Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Closing dates of September 1st and September 30th.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

The upcoming application closing dates for the following NAP crops are:

September 1, 2011	September 30, 2011
Garlic	Wheat
Onions	Oats
Sod Grass	Barley
	Rye
	Triticale
	Canola

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

Foreign Persons Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction,"

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA County Office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

—Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a civil penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

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TIMELY FILING OF LOSS

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report yield losses, failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required on **ALL CROPS INCLUDING GRASSES**. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576 (notice of loss) in the FSA County Office within 15 calendar days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

If you feel that you have at least a 50% loss on grass for 2011 you will need to file a **Notice of Loss by November 1, 2011**.

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available. Farm ownership loans at 4.625% or farm operating loans at 2.125% may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,119,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

DATES TO REMEMBER: September 5, 2011 Office Closed Labor Day Holiday.

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