



# ***CAPITAL FARM NEWS FEBRUARY 2008***

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**\*REGULAR COUNTY COMMITTEE USUALLY 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY EACH MONTH @ 10:00 AM\***  
**Next meeting March 18, 2008 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday!) – All Producers are welcome!**

\*\*\*Please note CED is planning to take a few days off the last two weeks in February. The temporary program technician's appointment will end February 28<sup>th</sup>, thus making a one-person office again. Please do call ahead before driving to County Office. Thanks for your support & understanding.

**LAST CHANCE! "HURRY!"**  
**URGENT! -- NAP PRODUCERS – TAKE NOTE NOW!**  
**Don't miss out!**

<b><u>Mar 15, 2008 deadline</u></b>	<b>Beans, Corn, Dry Peas, Flaxseed, Millet, Potatoes, Rapeseed, Sorghum, Soybean, Squash, Sunflowers, Tomatoes</b>
APRIL 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	Basil, Beets, Broccoli, Cantaloupe, Cilantro, Eggplant, Garlic, Gourds, Honeydew, Okra, Pumpkin, Strawberries, Turnip, Watermelon

**PLEASE READ!!! Noninsured Assistance Program. As seen by regulations for current CDP program, it literally "pays" for farmers & ranchers to participate in NAP.** Producers not participating in NAP are not eligible for current Crop Disaster Program for '05-'07 crop losses. NAP is here to stay – **protect your crops now before losses occur!** Upcoming coverage deadlines above. Producers must supply check/money order (no cash!), \$100 per crop, maximum fees \$300 per county or \$900 for multi-county producers. Producers may qualify as "Limited Resource" producers & have administrative fees waived, thus don't assume that you cannot afford coverage. In Santa Fe County, if in each of last 2 years, Gross Farm Sales (defined as gross income on IRS 1040, Schedule F, in Farm Income Section) is less than/equal to \$116k/year & your Adjusted Gross Income is less than \$24,878, you are eligible to qualify as a Limited Resource Producer. If spot checked, producers may be required to provide sufficient documentation to support Limited Resource status.

Signature authority must be on file BEFORE the County Office may accept application for any FSA program. Applies to all Partnerships, Corporations, LLC's, Trusts, etc. All NAP producers must supply documentation on control of land. If land is leased, copies of lease agreements must be provided, inc certification by producer on informal verbal lease agreements. All producer eligibility forms must be on file.

**ALSO!** NAP producers must timely & accurately certify crop acreage on automated FSA578 by following deadlines:





<b><u>February 14<sup>th</sup> 2008</u></b> <b><u>Certification</u></b> <b><u>Deadline!</u></b>	<b>All Grazing lands including private/deeded, Forest Service, BLM Permits, State Leases, etc</b>
May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2008	Small grains inc, not limited to Wheat, Barley, Oats etc
July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2008	All other crops like Alfalfa, Mixed Hay, Fruits/Vegetables

During last week of January, producers who received FSA Payments in 2007 should also receive CCC-1099-G from Kansas City. CCC-1099 is a report to Internal Revenue about FSA payments made you in Calendar 2007. 1099-G is a service to help participating producers report taxable income and not intended to replace participant's responsibility to report income to IRS. If you've received CCC-1099-G, we recommend you check amounts shown with your records to see amounts are correct. Refunds will no longer be reported on 1099-G, but will be available online from FSA Financial Inquiries web-based database. Program participants with eAuthentication ID's & passwords can access refund info @ FSA-FI & select "Inquiry Type 1099/Refund Report". Refund amounts are displayed on Producer's Year-to-Date Activity web page. If you have questions concerning 1099-G information, you may contact local FSA (988-6253) for assistance locating correct payment data. If you choose to visit the office, bring CCC-1099-G with you.

**URGENT! SIGN-UP FOR DISASTER PROGRAMS -- LIVESTOCK & CROPS**

"U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans Care, Katrina Recovery, & Iraq Accountability Appropriation Act". Aid may cover crop losses, livestock/feed losses, emergency conservation practices & dairy losses. More info can be obtained online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> – click on "Disaster Assistance". USDA is offering to eligible counties Crop Disaster Program, Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program, Program, Emergency Conservation Program, and Emergency Forestry Conservation Program.

**CROP DISASTER PROGRAM – SIGNUP BEGAN OCT 15 – DON'T DELAY!**  
**SIGN-UP DEADLINE MAY VERY SOON BE ANNOUNCED!**

**AMENDED!** On Dec 26<sup>th</sup> the President amended the previous Feb 27, 2007 plant date to allow for all crops planted for the 2007 Crop Year to be included for loss purposes under CDP. This does NOT include 2008 crops planted in 2007. Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity & quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops. Losses from natural disasters may qualify for financial assistance if crop was planted before Feb 28, '07, or in case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Dec 31, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in '05, '06, or '07 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. May apply for loss benefits on multiple crops as long as losses occurred same disaster year. Payments issued for CDP are limited to \$80k/"person" & not to exceed 95% "CAP", i.e. 95% of what the value of the crop would have been in absence of losses.

Sign-up for QUANTITY losses began Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, there is no sign-up end-date/deadline posted as yet, however sign-up end dates could be posted at any time (!) Thus don't wait – APPLY NOW! County producers NOW eligible to apply for CDP on crop losses between Jan 1, '05 thru Dec 28, 2007 (THIS IS A CHANGE!) if operation experienced crop loss of 35% or greater AND producer had crop insurance or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Again, producers may only receive benefits for one year on each crop type – producers may be eligible for payment on multiple crops.

Producers should be aware of whether they participated in NAP or Federal Crop Insurance, however producers may certainly inquire with County Office with questions regarding operation's eligibility. Again, only producers who obtained Crop Insurance coverage or NAP for year of loss will be eligible for CDP Producers may also qualify for crop "Quality losses" at the lesser of the actual production of the crop affected by quality loss or quantity of expected production of the crop affected by a quality loss. Sign-up has not yet officially begun for quality losses as all the Federal Regulations have not yet been published.

## **2005-2007 LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)**

**SIGNUP BEGAN SEPT 15 – DON'T DELAY! SIGN-UP DEADLINE MAY SOON BE ANNOUNCED!**

**\*When applying, producers will need to know their Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 inventory\* (Adult cattle, cattle over 500 #)**

**Also be prepared to provide \$ amount of additional/above normal feed costs for '06 due drought\***

LCP provides payment for feed losses due natural disaster. LCP provides benefit to producers who suffered feed losses and/or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from disaster inc, but not limited to, drought, between Jan 1 '05 ~ Dec 31 '07. (Affected producers may elect to receive compensation for loss incurred during '07 grazing season wildfires.) To be eligible, livestock must have been located in a primary/contiguous "disaster" county as declared by Secretary of Ag or the President or in primary/contiguous county that received "Administrators Physical Loss Notice".

Eligible livestock inc Beef or Dairy cattle, Buffalo, Beefalo, Equine, Poultry, Elk, Reindeer\*, Sheep, Goats, Swine\*, or Deer\* physically located in eligible disaster county on beginning date of disaster period & have been maintained for commercial use as part of farm operation since beginning date of disaster period; & have not been produced/maintained for reasons other than commercial use (such excluded uses inc, not limited to, wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes).

Eligible producers must have either owned or cash-leased eligible livestock on beginning date of applicable disaster periods; suffered eligible feed losses from produced or purchased forage/feedstuffs or incurred additional feed costs as result of eligible disaster event during applicable disaster period & feed lost or additional incurred feed costs must have been intended for use with eligible livestock.

FSA will calculate payment by multiplying national payment rate for each livestock category by # of eligible livestock claimed. National rate represents 61% of cost for corn needed to maintain specific livestock or 30 days. Producers may not receive duplicate benefits under LCP for same loss or any similar loss if they previously received payment under '05 Feed Indemnity Program, '05 Hurricanes LCP, or 2006 Livestock Assistance Grant Program (LAGP) administered through NMSU in Las Cruces. Producer who applies for benefits under LCP for 2006 will have LCP payment reduced by amount of payment received under 2006 LAGP. An \$80,000 payment limitation applies each "person" for benefit under '05-'07 LIP.

**Producers in Santa Fe County** are eligible only for feed losses suffered due drought & high winds from Jan 1 thru Dec 31 '06, or due severe storms & excessive moisture from July 26 '06 thru Sept 18 '06. Producers with livestock in other counties may be eligible for different disaster events and disaster periods. A list of all counties eligible for LCP may be found at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

***Livestock producers must submit a complete application package including all supporting documents in their administrative FSA County Office before sign-up deadline. If you have not been participating in recent years, we will also need copies of your Forest Service, BLM, State, or private leases as well as proof of ownership in any deeded land.***

## **LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM -LIP (DEATHS) SIGNUP BEGAN SEPT 10<sup>TH</sup> '07**

LIP provides benefit to eligible producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters occurring between Jan 1 '05 ~ Feb 28 '07, inc losses due blizzards started in Dec '06 & continued into Jan '07.

**Santa Fe County** was not approved for losses occurring in late 2006 thru early 2007 due insufficient numbers of reported losses. Santa Fe producers would only be eligible for livestock deaths directly related to severe storms/excessive moisture during disaster period July '06 thru Sept '06 or directly due drought/high winds from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> '06 thru Dec 31 '06. Counties instructed to publicize all programs in event producers have interests in other counties, other states. Producers with livestock in other counties may be eligible for different disaster events & disaster periods. A list of all counties eligible for LIP may be found at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov> or feel free to contact Office.



### **NAP HAY/FORAGE PRODUCERS – TAKE NOTE NOW!**

Loss claims on form CCC-576 due natural disaster must be filed w/in 15 days of disaster occurrence, or 15 days after damage to crop becomes apparent. Failure to timely report will result in loss of benefit – there are no late-file provisions for Notice of Loss claims. Crops must also have been certified 15 days prior to any harvest or grazing!

Formal appraisals by certified Loss Adjuster must be conducted prior to acres being put to another use. Grazing on acres certified for forage shall not be permitted until acres are released; producers are forewarned that representative samples will be required. To retain eligibility for loss benefits on forage/hay, if producer will not mechanically harvest, before you graze livestock on any covered fields you must request from FSA “permission”, to graze. "Nongrazing" period is April 1<sup>st</sup> thru Nov 14<sup>th</sup> for croplands enrolled in NAP. Requests must state you are aware you must leave 8' x 8' representative samples PER field. Total samples needed depends on number of acres on each field:

Add 1 additional sample for each 40 acres (or fraction thereof) in field/subfield. If you do harvest your hay, you must certify to County your production for all hay crops covered by NAP on CCC-452 “NAP ACTUAL PRODUCTION HISTORY & APPROVED YIELD RECORD”.

Is in your best interest to certify production after each cutting to maintain verifiable, reliable production records. You may request paid-for site-visit measurement from FSA to substantiate production after each cutting if you prefer. Certify all production no later than subsequent crop year reporting deadline for said crop, i.e. July 14<sup>th</sup> following year.

**All deadlines and eligibility requirements are the producer’s responsibility!**

**USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY WEBSITE! <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>**  
**“E-FORMS” AVAILABLE – INTERNET ACCESS MEANS MANY FORMS CAN BE COMPLETED AT HOME**

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