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US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SIERRA COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE
2101 SOUTH BROADWAY
TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NM 87901

DISASTER PROGRAMS

We are accepting applications for the new disaster programs which are the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Crop Disaster Program (CDP). The disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters that occurred in 2006. Although the sign-up date started September 10 for LCP and October 15 for CDP, producers will need to call the office to schedule an appointment and make sure we have all the necessary documentation and information needed to sign you up for the program. A deadline has not been announced.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring due to a natural disaster. Documentation needed for LCP:

- Livestock numbers effective January 1, 2006 - Adult cattle numbers and Non adult cattle over 500 pounds on January 1, 2006. Also eligible are ranch horses, sheep, and goats maintained on native grass;
- Copy of BLM billing &/or USFS billing for 2006-2007;
- Copy of Private Lease agreements, Deeds, Federal Lease agreements, & State Lease agreements.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM

Crop Disaster Program provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity losses 35% or greater and quality losses 25% or greater to crops from natural disasters. Producers who incurred qualifying losses may receive benefits. **Only producers who obtained Federal crop insurance or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.** If you have any questions please give us a call.

DAIRY DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DDAP-III)

As soon as the Federal Register is published eligible Dairy producers can sign up for the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP-III). DDAP-III will help dairy producers recover production losses resulting from a variety of adverse weather conditions in the last few years. The program provides \$16 million in benefits to dairy producers for production losses that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and December 31, 2007, because of qualifying natural disasters. It compensates producers for production losses that resulted from lost herds or dumped milk when dairy plants closed or the natural disaster damaged containment equipment. Additionally, power outages, fuel shortages, and infrastructure damage may have temporarily interrupted the flow of dairy products to markets.

To be eligible for DDAP-III, dairy producers must have suffered losses in primary and contiguous counties declared or designated a natural disaster. Also, producers in counties receiving an FSA Administrator's Physical Loss Notice determination are eligible. Please contact the office for more information.

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COUNTY MEETINGS:

February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10,
July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, No-
vember 20, December 9

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 8:00 am—4:30 pm
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NON-INSURED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP provides a guaranteed level of protection against weather related disasters for non-insurable crops. There is a \$100 fee per crop up to \$300 per county not to exceed \$900 per producer.

NAP Deadlines

- **March 15, 2008** is the deadline to purchase coverage for Corn, Beans, Sorghum, Soybeans, Tomatoes, & Squash.
- **April 15, 2008** is the deadline to purchase coverage for pumpkins, watermelon, cantaloupe and gourds.

Acreage Reports

A report of acreage must be filed to verify the existence of the crop and record the number of acres covered by the application. For Native Grass acreage reports must be filed by February 15, 2008. All small grain crops such as, Wheat, Barley, Oats, & Triticale is May 15, 2008. The final date to certify all other crops is July 15, 2008. Prevented planted acreage is required to be submitted no later than 15 calendar days after the planting date for the applicable crop. Failed acreage shall be filed before the disposition of the crop. Acreage reports must be timely filed to remain eligible for program benefits.

Productions Records

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. If you do not provide production records and you suffer a loss we use the county average. Please report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up to date. Records submitted must be reliable and verifiable.

HOLIDAY  **President's Day** 

This office will be closed on February 18, 2008 in observance of Presidents Day.

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