



# SIERRA COUNTY FSA NEWS

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE  
FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA)**



## **Acreage Certification Deadline**

Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of programs benefits for FSA programs. Producers are required to file FSA-578, Acreage Certification, for all small grains, fall and spring seeded, by May 15, 2010. The final date to certify all other crops is July 15, 2010.

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. Please call the office to set up an appointment before you come in.

## **Direct & Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) Sign-up**

Sign-up for the 2010 DCP Program began on October 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through June 1, 2010. All owners and operators who will share in the payments must sign the CCC-509. You must have established bases and yields on program crops in order to participate in the program. Participants are required to enroll annually. Please schedule an appointment with the office before June 1 to sign-up for the DCP Program.

## **NAP Production Records**

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up-to-date. Records submitted must be verifiable and reliable. Records need to show crop disposition. All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.

## **Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE)**

Signup for the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) began on January 4, 2010. A sign-up deadline has not been announced. SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide.

Producers with a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. Producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

**We are currently taking applications for those who suffered crop losses during crop year 2008. For more information on the program or to set up an appointment please give our office a call.**

**Happy  
Easter!**

### **County Committee:**

Patrick Garay, Chairman  
Harvey Chatfield, Vice-Chairman  
James Walker, Member  
Dolores Ortega, COC Advisor

### **Office Staff:**

Jordanna L. Gurule, Acting County Executive Director

### **County Meetings:**

February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8,  
July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12,  
November 9, December 7

### **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
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### **Assistance for Wolf Related Livestock Losses**

New Mexico Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced availability of federal assistance to producers who suffered livestock losses resulting from wolf depredation. Loss benefits are approved through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP) as authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. Wolf depredation has been determined to be an eligible loss condition under ELAP for livestock death losses occurring on or after January 1, 2008 and before October 1, 2011.

ELAP benefits are available to only those producers who can provide verifiable evidence of livestock losses.” Documents providing verifiable evidence may include, but are not limited to insurance documents, tax records and veterinary records. Third party verification is acceptable from a reliable source such as the USDA’s Wildlife Services or similar entity.

For more information please contact your local USDA Service Center or visit the national website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/nm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nm).

### **Farm Record Changes**

Any changes to your farming or ranching operation must be reported to FSA in order to remain eligible for all program benefits.

If you have purchased land, sold land or you are leasing land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA office after they occur. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract and for leased land a lease agreement will be required.

If the structure of your operation changes you must also report the changes and bring in legal documentation supporting the type of structure. (LLC, Corporation, Partnership, Trust, Estate, etc.)

### **Holiday**

This office will be closed Monday, May 31, 2010 in observance of Memorial Day.

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