

Taos County FSA Newsletter



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Disaster Programs

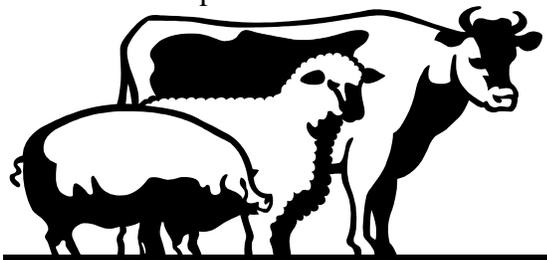
Crop Disaster Program (CDP), covers losses in 2005, 2006, or 2007, suffered on crops insured by NAP, contemporaneous records, and timely filed crop certification for the year application is made. Eligible requirements for this program are as follows:

- ✓ Crop Insurance under the NAP must have been purchased
- ✓ Contemporaneous records, diaries or calendars of daily farm activities must be provided for the year application is made.
- ✓ Farm records of land owned or leased must have documentation of land owner along with lease agreement.

If you would like to apply for this program please call the office to set up an appointment.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

This program assist producers, who suffered feed losses because of drought, on dry land pastures owned or leased, and their livestock is for commercial (sell as food or fiber) use, are eligible to apply for this program. Crop insurance did **not** have to be purchased and will **NOT be REQUIRED** for program benefits. Cattle, Equine, Elk, Reindeer, and Buffalo or Beefalo used in a cattle operation, must weight 500 pounds or more to be eligible for this program. Other eligible livestock eligible are Sheep, Poultry, Goats, and Swine. Prior to your scheduled appointment; Livestock inventory, receipts for seed or feed purchased, and grazing leases or permits for crop year 2006, will need to be provided.



Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

The LIP Presidential Designation in Taos County, for Livestock death because of a weather related disaster event, during crop year 2006 is as follows:

Disaster Event	Start	End
Severe Storms, Excess Moisture	7-26	9-8
Wildfires, High Winds, Excess Moisture	1-1	12-30

Drought is not an eligible cause of loss for this program. Livestock must have been physically located in the Taos County during the year 2006.

Livestock death must be verified by rendering truck receipts or certificates, National Guard or other agency for removal of carcass, veterinary records, IRS records, private insurance documents, or third party certification. A third party certification must state all the following:

- ❖ specific details on the death of the livestock.
- ❖ how the third party has knowledge of the livestock death.
- ❖ how the third party is associated to producer who lost the livestock.
- ❖ telephone number and address of third party.
- ❖ number and type of livestock that died.



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New Secretary of Agriculture

President George W. Bush congratulates **Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer** after he was ceremoniously sworn in Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Secretary Schafer brings a record as an innovative two-term governor of North Dakota to USDA along with extensive private sector experience as both an entrepreneur and a business executive.

Born and raised in Bismarck, North Dakota, Schafer graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and earned an MBA from the University of Denver in 1970.

During the ceremony President Bush stated "the roots of this Department of Agriculture stretch back to the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. In 1862, President Lincoln established the first federal agency devoted to agriculture -- and he called it "the people's department." Nearly a century-and-a-half later, the USDA can still be called "the people's department."

Office Closed We will be closed on February 18, 2008 in observance of Presidents' Day Holiday.

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Monthly Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am

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