

TORRANCE COUNTY FSA SCOOP

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REGULAR COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH



DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

We are currently accepting signup for the 2009 DCP Program. Signup as been extended until August 14, 2009. DCP allows producers with base acres of Wheat, Corn, Barley, or Oats to receive program payments based on the amount of base acres and the program yield.

The ACRE Program has now been approved as part of the new farm bill and is part of the DCP Program. The ACRE Program is designed to give producers the option to protect against declines in market revenue. These protections are based on state and farm revenue changes from revenue guarantee revenue levels that are based on national prices. State planted, yields, and farm planted yields. ACRE payments are only issued when 2 conditions are met for a commodity. 1.) When actual state revenues fall below the State ACRE Guarantee 2.) When actual Farm Revenue falls below the Farm ACRE Guarantee. By electing to participate in ACRE, producers agree to forego any counter-cyclical payments and receive a 20% reduction in direct payments. Please keep in mind that if market levels do not drop below the levels mentioned above, no payments will be issued under ACRE. Also, once you commit to ACRE, you must remain in this ACRE Program until the end of the current Farm Bill, which is 2012. If you are interested in participating in DCP or ACRE, please come into the office by August 14, 2009.

NON INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

Producers who purchased NAP Coverage for crops are reminded that you must report crop damage or loss as it occurs. The native pasture loss for 2008 for the entire county was set at 13% below normal. This was set by independent sources and was approved by our state office. There must be a loss set of 50% or greater in order for NAP Payments to be issued. Based on this, there will be no NAP Payments for native grass for 2008.

ELIGIBILITY

Producers who participate in FSA Programs must provide us with documentation showing control of land. If land is owned, producers must provide either a copy of the deed or tax records. If the land is leased, producers must provide a copy of the lease. We now have new AGI Rules. For Commodity, Price Support Benefits, Disaster Assistance Programs and MILC; if a person or legal entity has an average adjusted gross non-farm income of greater than \$500,000, the person or entity is ineligible for benefits from these programs. If a person has an average adjusted gross farm income of \$750,000 or more, the person or entity is ineligible for DCP.

COC ELECTIONS

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2009 COC Election. All producers in LAA2, which is basically the South Central and South West portions of the county, are eligible to be nominated for the 2009 COC Election. This includes the Mountainair, Gran Quivera, Cedarvale, Scholle, and Chupadera Areas. If you are interested in being nominated or nominating someone for the COC Election, please come by or contact our office to request a nomination petition. All producers in the LAA are eligible to be nominated as USDA encourages the participation of women and minorities in all program and election activities.

ACREAGE CERTIFICATION

Producers are reminded that they must certify all acreage for any participating farms or ranches. It is important that producers timely and accurately certify their acreage. NAP Crops must be certified within 15 days after the signup deadline date. All other participating crops must be certified by May 15th for Fall Seeded Crops and August 14th for Spring Seeded Crops.

CRP

We are currently accepting signup for the continuous CRP Program. Only strips of land are eligible for this program such as circle corners. This is different from the general CRP Sign-up which is the current CRP Program Torrance County Producers are currently participating in. Some major benefits of the CRP Program is that the land is put into a conserving use and water rights are protected. If you are interested in placing the corners of your pivots in CRP, please contact our office and we will initiate the application forms.

**JOHN PEREA,
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HOLIDAYS:

**The Estancia Service Center will be closed:
Monday, September 7, 2009 in observance of Labor Day**

FARM LOAN PROGRAM

FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System Institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Our loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

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