

Valencia-Cibola County FSA Office

FEBRUARY 1, 2008

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROG.

THE NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) IS INSURANCE YOU PURCHASE THROUGH THIS OFFICE THAT PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCERS OF NONINSURABLE CROPS WHEN LOW YIELDS, LOSS OF INVENTORY, OR PREVENTED PLANTING OCCURS DUE TO A NATURAL DISASTER.

FINAL DATE TO PURCHASE 2008 NAP	
Cabbage, Carrots Spinach	Feb. 1, 2008
Beans, Corn, Dry Peas, Flaxseed, Millet, Potatoes, Rapeseed, Sorghum, Soybeans, Squash, Sunflowers, Tomatoes	March 15, 2008

CCC-576 NOTICE OF LOSS FILING REQUIREMENT-NAP

If a natural disaster occurs and you purchased NAP insurance, a notice of loss **MUST** be filed on a CCC-576, **within 15 calendar** days after the:

- Latter of the occurrence of prevented planting or the end of the planting period.
- Disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent to the producer.
- An appraisal must be completed prior to destroying the crop or putting the crop to another use. Contact this office for an appraisal.
- If you have NAP coverage on **NATIVE GRASS**, production loss must be over 50% and **you must file a notice of loss within 15 days after the first freeze**
- For **Valencia County**, First Fall Freeze is October 18th. Notice of Loss must be filed by Nov. 1st.
- For **Cibola County**, First Fall Freeze is September 28th. Notice of Loss must be filed by Oct 12th.

NAP YIELD UPDATE

Production records for individual crops need to be filed to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide prior years' production and acreage to establish a 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 reliable and verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. **All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.** If production records are not available, county average yields will be used.

HOLIDAYS

The Agricultural Service Center will be closed on February 18, 2008, in observance of Presidents' Day.

OFFICE HOURS FOR ONE DAY A WEEK

REMINDER - The Valencia-Cibola County Farm Service Agency (FSA) will close to the public at 1:00 o'clock p.m. every Wednesday. This office closure will allow the Valencia-Cibola county FSA office staff to more expediently process loans, program applications, payments and other duties uninterrupted. FSA is attempting innovative ways to provide expert customer service by "doing more with less". This change in office hours will remain in effect until you are notified otherwise. The office will remain open during regular business hours on all other days.

COC MEETING

2nd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Date	Time
February 13, 2008	9:00 a.m.
March 12, 2008	9:00 a.m.
*April 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
May 14, 2008	9:00 a.m.
June 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
July 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
*August 13, 2008	9:00 a.m.
September 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
October 8, 2008	9:00 a.m.
November 12, 2008	9:00 a.m.
*December 3, 2008	9:00 a.m.

* Indicates meeting held in Grants, NM

* December Meeting changed due to ballot counting

VALENCIA-CIBOLA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

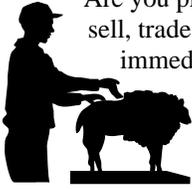
Results of the election for Local Administrative Area #5, which covers the Fence Lake and Ramah Areas, resulted in Kenneth Monday as the new committeeman.

Congratulations to Kenneth! His term of office began January 1, 2008 and will run three (3) years.

At the Organizational Meeting held Wednesday, January 9, 2008, the COC elected the order of officers as follows:

Vicki Husbands, Chairperson
 Kenneth Monday, Vice-Chairperson
 Charles McGarrah, Member
 Rex Salvador, Member
 Maurice Wengert, Member

2008 WOOL & MOHAIR PRODUCTION



Are you preparing to shear your livestock? Will you sell, trade, give away, or process your 2008 fiber immediately after shearing? If so, stop in the office and apply for an LDP. Request to sign a CCC-633EZ form. **You must request the LDP before the LDP payment can be issued. For 2008, you can request the**

LDP now and next year when you lose beneficial interest, you can bring in your sales slip for payment. You will receive the LDP rate in effect on the day your receipt indicates you transferred control or processed your fiber. If you will maintain interest in your wool or mohair for a period of time after shearing, you have the option of selecting the day you want to apply for an LDP. Unshorn pelts are also eligible for LDP.

DISASTER SIGNUP

Sign-up for the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program is still underway. No sign-up end date has been announced. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) which began October 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops.

The following Disaster Declarations and dates of disasters have been designated:

Valencia County

Drought and High Winds
01-01-2006 through 12-31-2006

Severe Storms and Excessive Moisture
07-26-2006 through 09-18-2006

Cibola County

Severe Storms and Excessive Moisture
07-26-2006 through 09-18-2006

Drought and High Winds
01-01-2006 through 12-31-2006

Severe Storms and Excessive Moisture
12-28-2004 through 01-12-2005

Severe Storms and Excessive Moisture
02-10-2005 through 02-15-2005

RECORD CHANGES

Please contact our office with any changes in:

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| Acreage Divisions | Entity Type Changes |
| Acreage Combinations | Death of Owner/Operator |
| Direct Deposit information | Leases and/or New Leases |
| Change in Owner/Operator Name and Address | Sale of Land |
| | Purchase of Land |

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the FSA county office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

UPDATING FARM/RANCH RECORDS

As many of you have noticed, the county office is working very hard to update your farm and ranch records. We require Deeds or Tax Records for your Deeded acreage. This proves that you in fact own the land. If you lease from the State of New Mexico, we need a Lease which also indicates acres. For BLM and USFS land, we need a permit and also the summary sheet indicating acres you are permitted. For Entities we will need your Articles of Incorporation, By Laws, names, social security numbers, shares of each member, and proof that an individual has the authority to sign for the entity. Many of you do not have leases from private individuals. Many of your records still indicate acreage you may no longer own. If you sell or lease your land, the county office should be notified, so we can keep your farm/ranch current.

This information required is a one time event. Once this is completed, you will no longer have to provide the 'foundation' information. If there is a change in your farming/ranching operation then at that time we would need the new updates.

The county office staff has been correcting your records by reviewing each folder at a time and making appointments with you to update your farm/ranch records. This is a time consuming effort, which could take up to an hour for an individual and more time for a Corporation, Estate, LLC, etc.

Your understanding in this matter has been **GREATLY** appreciated by the county office staff. If you feel your records may not be in order, please **notify us**. We will be happy to make an appointment and assist you in updating your records.



/s/ Barbara J. Zellers, CED

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County Committee: Vicki Husbands, Chairperson Kenneth Monday, Vice-Chairperson Charles McGarrah, Member Rex Salvador, Member Maurice Wengert, Member			FSA Office Staff: BARBARA J ZELLERS, CED MELINDA MARTIN, PT Office Hours Monday-Friday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 
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