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## Carbon / Emery County News

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USDA Service Center

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Monday - Friday  
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### **NOTICE:**

**We are now having  
a vendor mail out  
our Newsletters .**

**If you receive this  
Newsletter in error,  
please telephone  
our office so we can  
remove you from this  
Mailing list.  
435-381-2300.**



### ACREAGE REPORTING

We are now accepting 2008 acreage reports. As soon as your spring crops are planted you need to come into the office and file your crop report. Please remember that failure to file an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses - including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage - can prevent you from qualifying to receive benefits for a variety of programs.

The planting date for all reported crops is also required as part of the acreage report. Acreage reports need to be completed and certified by **June 30, 2008**. Acreage reports filed after the deadline will be required to pay a \$46 late filing fee.

Please call for an appointment so we can better serve you.

### WOOL LDP'S

The wool loan deficiency payment program provides payments to producers for Wool produced and shorn from live sheep. All producers who will sell their wool in 2008 need to have form CCC-633EZ on file in our office. This form needs to be on file before wool is sold. Producers who received a wool payment in 2007 should have received this form in the mail.

Producers need to bring their receipts to the Farm Service Agency office after wool has been sold. Payments will be made to the person whose name is on the receipt. All sales receipts for wool sold in 2008 must be submitted for payment before January 31, 2009.

### BEWARE OF CROP INSURANCE REBATING SCHEMES

With the spring sales closing date for many Federal crop insurance policies right around the corner, crop insurance agents have been marketing their products aggressively. Producers report that some agents have approached them with promises of lower insurance premiums, refunds, or dividends. Most of these schemes are not legal. The Risk Management Agency and state insurance regulators have stepped up their efforts to uncover illegal rebating. Those producers who are found to participate in these schemes will not only lose their crop insurance coverage but may also become ineligible for other government programs. Producers can report suspicions of illegal rebating to the OIG Hotline: 1-800-424-9121.

### LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

Livestock producers in Carbon and Emery counties who suffered forage losses due to drought in 2007 may be eligible for benefits under this program.

Eligible livestock include beef cattle, equine, elk, sheep and goats. To be eligible, livestock must have been located in an eligible county on January 1 of the applicable year and must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation.

Please provide our office with the following information when you come in to apply:

- Animal numbers on January 1 of the applicable year.
- Producers who run on BLM, Forest Service or State Lands must bring in their billing statements for the applicable year so that we can determine how many AUM's you paid for during the grazing season.

Note: Animal numbers need to be very accurate. If you are selected for spotcheck and are currently running fewer animals than certified, you will be required to provide sales documentation/or other documentation showing what happened to the animals.

## FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is a lender of first opportunity, making 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 are often provided to beginning farmers who cannot qualify for conventional loans because they have insufficient financial resources. FSA also helps established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters, or whose resources are too limited to maintain profitable farming operations. FSA's youth loan program assists rural youth establish a money-making agricultural project.

### Direct Loans

Direct farm loans are made by FSA with Government funds. We also service these loans and provide our customers with supervision and credit counseling so they have a better chance for success. Farm Ownership (FO), Operating (OL), Emergency (EM) and Youth loans are the main types of loans available.

FO loans are available to purchase land, construct buildings or other improvements, and/or soil and water conserva-

tion. FO loans can be written for up to 40 years, with interest rates currently at 4.875%. The maximum loan amount is \$200,000.

OL loans are available to purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals and supplies. Funds can also be used for soil and water conservation, and to refinance indebtedness with certain limitations. OL loans can be written for 1-7 years, with interest rates currently at 3.25%. The maximum loan amount is \$200,000.

Youth loans are available to youth, ages 10 through 20, to purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, supplies, etc. for any money-making agricultural project. The youth must live in a rural area or town with less than 50,000 in population. Youth loans can be written for 1-7 years, with interest rates currently at 3.25%. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Emergency (EM) loans are available for producers in areas designated a natural disaster. Loan funds can be used to restore or replace essential property; pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year; pay essential family living expenses; reorganize the farming operation; and/or refinance indebtedness with certain limitations. EM loans can be written for 1-7 years for non-real estate purposes, or up to 40 years for physical losses on real estate, with interest rates currently at 3.755. The maximum loan amount is \$500,000.

*Both Carbon and Emery County have a current disaster designation, allowing producers to apply for emergency loans for losses due to severe drought, insect infestations, killing frosts, hot dry winds, below normal runoff, wildfires, and flash floods until **April 21, 2008**.*

### Guaranteed Loans

FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (e.g., banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender,

which then arranges for the guarantee. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

FSA guaranteed loans are for both FO and OL purposes and funds can be used for the same purposes under the direct loans detailed above. The interest rate on guaranteed loans is the lender's current rate for agricultural customers. The maximum loan amount for both the guaranteed FO and OL is \$949,000 (this amount is adjusted annually for inflation).

For guaranteed loans, applicants must apply to a commercial lender who participates in the Guaranteed Loan Program. A list of participating lenders in Utah can be obtained from the Emery County FSA Office.

#### **Beginning Farmers/Ranchers**

Each fiscal year, FSA targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed FO and OL funds to beginning farmers and ranchers. A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who (1) has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years; (2) meets the loan eligibility requirements of the program to which he/she is applying; (3) substantially participates in the operation; and, (4) for FO loan purposes, does not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county. If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage, and all stockholders in a corporation must be eligible beginning farmers

#### **Socially Disadvantaged Farmers/Ranchers**

FSA also targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed FO and OL funds for socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches. A socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer, rancher, or agricultural producer is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as a member of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. SDA groups

are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

#### **Where to Apply**

Applications for direct loan assistance may be obtained/submitted to the Emery County FSA Office, 1090 No. Des-Bee Dove Road, Castle Dale, UT 84513. Lori Brady is the Farm Loan Manager and can be reached at (435) 381-2300, Extension 114.

### **NON INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

We would like to remind all participants in the NAP Program that Notice of Loss must be filed timely. You must file a Notice of Loss in writing on form CCC-576 within 15 days of when the loss occurred or when it became apparent to you. As a general rule of thumb, the latest that Notices of Loss will be accepted will be within 15 days of the final harvest dates on crops and before the first snowfall on acreage intended for grazing.

Please remember that NAP coverage is based on intended use of the crop. If you report a crop with an intended use of forage or seed and you decided to change the use of the crop, including destruction of the crop without harvest or grazing, you must notify our office and request that the crop be appraised. Failure to do so may result in a loss of payment or a reduced payment. If your production will be fed or disposed of without a verifiable record, it would be a good idea to request an appraisal so your production can be documented in an acceptable manner. Failure to provide adequate documentation of production may reduce your actual production history (APH) yield in a future year. Production information is due by the final reporting date of the succeeding year in which the crop was produced. In most cases for Emery and Carbon counties, this would be June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## UTAH NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD SCHOOL RANGE CAMP

The Field School is open to high school students from Utah, ages 15 and older. Graduated seniors may attend the camp but are not eligible for individual awards. Instructors come to the Field School from Utah State University, NRCS, The Bureau of Land Management, Utah DWR, State Lands, and US Forest Service. All are professionals with a strong background in rangeland resources, wildlife, watershed, forestry, or natural resources based education.

Deadline for applications: June 30, 2008

Tuition: \$100

For more info or questions contact:

George Cook: 435-637-0937 or 435-820-0056

gscook@emerytelcom.net

### Dates to Remember

Today	Acreage Reporting Starts
May 1	County Committee Meeting
Continues	Eligibility Reviews and Updates
Continues	LCP and CDP Sign-Up

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