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# Millard County News

### Millard County USDA Service Center

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## Acreage Reporting Deadline has been Extended!

Because of the delay in announcing the provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill and extreme weather conditions, the final crop reporting date is being extended to **August 15, 2008**. **Late fees (\$46.00) will not be applied if acreage reports are filed before August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please remember that failure to file an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses – including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage as well as rangeland and pastureland – 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.

Those producers participating in the NAP program are required to file an acreage report no later than 15 calendar days before the onset of the harvest.

**Reports filed after August 15<sup>th</sup> will be required to pay a \$46.00 late fee.**

Please call before you come so we can review your paperwork prior to your arrival to better serve you.



## Critical Feed Use on CRP

Because of record level feed prices, tight supplies of feed and competition for grazing acres, critical feed use of CRP acreage for grazing and haying will be allowed during 2008.

CRP participants may request a voluntary modification of the CRP contract, using form CRP-1M Addendum to allow critical feed use, such as haying or grazing of CRP acreage. CRP participants may use their CRP acreage for a critical feed use or may lease the privilege to any other individual.

**Note: There will be “no” payment reduction for critical feed use.**

### Haying Provisions:

- CRP participants must obtain a modified conservation plan from NRCS.
- Pay \$75 administrative fee per contract hayed.
- Not conduct haying activity until July 16.
- Leave at least 50 percent of each field un-hayed.
- Only 1 cutting is allowed.
- Not hay and graze the same acreage.
- Remove all hay from CRP acreage before November 10, 2008.
- Re-establish, at the participants expense, any cover destroyed or damages as a result of critical feed use.

### Grazing Provisions:

- CRP participants must obtain a modified conservation plan from NRCS, including stocking rate.
- Pay \$75 administrative fee per contract grazed.
- Grazing Period will be July 16 through November 10.
- Not hay and graze the same acreage.
- Remove the livestock from the CRP acreage before November 10, 2008.
- Re-establish, at the participants expense, any cover destroyed or damages as a result of critical feed use.

CRP participants who are interested in Critical Feed Use on CRP acreage should contact our office.

## Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) Coming to a Close!

The LCP program provides benefits to producers in designated disaster counties for their added costs of procuring livestock feed (i.e. those who suffered forage/grazing losses) during 2005, 2006, or 2007.

The LIP program provided benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by eligible disaster designations in an eligible county.

Producers choose one of these three years to receive benefits.

**The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) has been amended to include drought as an eligible grazing loss for the entire 2007 crop year for Millard County**

To be eligible for LCP,

- County must have been designated as a disaster county
- Producers must have owned the livestock on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period, which is January 1<sup>st</sup> of the applicable year
- Livestock must have been located in an eligible county on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the applicable year
- Livestock must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation
- Producers must have suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage

**Deadline Announced  
for LCP and LIP  
Friday, July 18, 2008  
Come in now to apply!**

## Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

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 that you will have a loss.**

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. For 2007 covered acreage, the deadline is **June 30, 2008.**



## Farm Loan Assistance

Need temporary credit? Maybe we can help. FSA makes and guarantees loans to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit.

These loans are tailored to a producer's needs and may be used for the following purposes:

### Farm Ownership (FO) Loans:

- used to buy, develop, or expand a farm
- Down Payment (FO) Loans: used to assist beginning farmers and ranchers to purchase a farm or ranch
- Participation Loans: used to assist farmers or ranchers to purchase a farm with the assistance of a lender or the seller
- Farm Operating Loans: used for operating expenses, family subsistence, machinery, livestock, permits, and to refinance debt
- Beginning Farmer Loans: used to help farmers start an operation
- Guaranteed Loans: local lenders ask for assistance from FSA to guarantee their loans for farm ownership or farm operating purposes

Everyone needs financial help sometime. Perhaps FSA can help you with our loan programs and services to meet your farming needs.

## County Committee Elections

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the USDA.

Committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

Agricultural producers in Local Authority Area 3, consisting of Scipio, Holden, Fillmore, Flowell, Meadow and Kanosh, begin nominating on form FSA-669A on June 15<sup>th</sup>!



## 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 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. Producers also need to file a Acreage Report by June 30 to be eligible.

## TV Converter Box Coupon Program

Do you have a TV in your home that works with the help of "rabbit ears" or rooftop antenna? If you receive free TV using an antenna and your TV is not digital, you need to take action before February 17, 2009 so you can continue to receive programs after that date.

The Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 requires TV stations to stop broadcasting in analog and to broadcast only in digital after February 17, 2009.

The Act created the TV Converter Box Coupon Program for households wishing to use their analog TVs after the transition. The Federal government is offering US households up to two \$40 coupons to help pay for the cost of a certified converter box. TVs connected to cable, satellite, or other pay services do not need a converter box to receive programs after this date. Coupon application forms are available at your USDA service center. Please come in for your copy or visit [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov).



## Joke of the month!

As a young minister in Wyoming, I was asked by a funeral director to hold a grave-side service for a homeless man, who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a new cemetery, way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be buried there.

I was not familiar with the backwoods area, and I soon became lost. Being a typical man, I did not stop to ask for directions. I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the open grave, but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

The digging crew was eating lunch. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and I stepped to the side of the open grave. There I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, as I told them that this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around the grave and stood silently, as I began to pour out my heart and soul. As I preached about "looking forward to a brighter tomorrow" and "the glory that is to come," the workers began to say "Amen," "Praise the Lord," and "Glory!" The fervor of these men truly inspired me. So, I preached and I preached like I had never preached before... all the way from Genesis to Revelation.

I finally closed the lengthy service with a prayer, thanked the men, and walked to my car. As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I heard one of the workers say to another, "I ain't NEVER seen nothin' like that before, and I've been puttin' in septic tanks for thirty years!"



#### Dates to Remember

Today	Report ANY changes in your farm operating plan or bank account
Today	Apply for disaster (drought) aid through CDP & LCP
Today	Wool LDP's: file CCC-633EZ Page 1 before shearing
Today	Apply for Farm Loans
June 15	Nominating period begins for 2008 COC Elections
July 4	Office Closed – Independence Day
July 17	COC Meeting
July 18	Deadline to apply for LCP and LIP (livestock drought aid)
August 15	Deadline to file acreage report without late fee

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