

THREE RIVERS NEWS

SAN JUAN COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

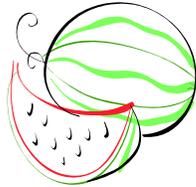
JULY-AUGUST 2006

COUNTY COMMITTEE

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OFFICE HOURS

7:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY – FRIDAY.
PH: 505-334-3090 EXT. 2
FAX: 505-334-8659

COC MEETING

4TH TUESDAY MONTHLY
AT 9:00 A.M.

2006 COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Elections for LAA-2 (La Plata, areas west and north of the Animas River to San Juan River north to Colorado state line; and west to Ute land boundary) will be taking place this year. The nomination deadline of August 1 has passed to nominate someone. Individuals or members of socially disadvantaged groups are encouraged to become active in County Committee elections. 4 nominations were received and the election ballots should be going out in the next month to eligible voters in LAA-2. Please consider voting for the individual on the ballot that you feel will represent the producers and agriculture interest of your area. For more information or specific questions contact the county office.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

2007 CROP YEAR UPCOMING DEADLINES TO PURCHASE COVERAGE (please note some dates may have changed from previous years):

<u>SEPTEMBER 1</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 30</u>	<u>NOVEMBER 20</u>
SOD GRASS (ALL TYPES) ONIONS	BARLEY, OATS, RYE, TRITICALE, WHEAT (BOTH F & SPRING 2007 PLANTINGS)	APPLES, APRICOTS, CHERRIES, CRANBERRIES, GR NECTARINES, PEACHES, PEARS, PISTACHIOS, PLUM

Notices of loss (NOL) for payment processing MUST be reported (you must sign the CCC-576 form with FSA) within 15 days from the date of the damaging event or when the loss becomes apparent to you. When is it apparent? You make that decision. Typically when you the producer notice the crop shows damage that in your opinion will affect its production potential. The qualifying event that caused the loss must be natural, or Mother Nature related to be eligible. Failure to adequately apply good farming practices is not an eligible cause of loss. Intent to grow, produce, care for the crop must be documented to be eligible. Crops must be for commercial use to be eligible (home gardens are not eligible for NAP).

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS (FSFL)

FSA has a program to make 4 month term loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. Common commodities covered are grains, silages, ensilage, or commodities that otherwise are eligible for a Loan Deficiency payment or Marketing Assistance loans. Dry (bale) storage can be eligible if the commodity is a grain variety and the producer has a history of producing the commodity. Storage structures for commercial purposes (storage for others) are ineligible for loans as well as portable handling equipment. Maximum term of the loan is 7 years. Maximum amount is capped at \$100,000 per borrower. Interest is the rate in effect on the date of issuance based on U.S. Treasury securities. Additional information can be obtained from the county office.

ANNUAL ACREAGE REPORTS

Acreage reporting and production records submission deadlines for 2006 crop year were as follows:

- Native Grass (grazing) – February 15, 2006 (NAP) July 15, (no NAP)
- Small Grains (wheat, barley, oats, etc.): May 15, 2006
- All Others (everything else not listed above): July 15, 2006

Additional fees will be charged for late filed acreage reports after the above deadlines. Late file acreage reports can be accepted up through the end of the year. Please be aware that failure to timely report your acres and sign a FSA-578 Report of Acreage may result in ineligibility for programs/payments.

WOOL & MOHAIR LDP'S

New LDP forms required for 2006. The old CCC-709 has been replaced with the CCC-633EZ form. **Reminder-** If you sell your wool, mohair, or unshorn pelts direct to a buyer without first signing form CCC-633EZ and filing with the county office, you will lose eligibility for a payment. CCC-633EZ must be on file and signed before you lose interest (sell) the wool/mohair/pelt. The county office cannot accept receipts if it's sold before filing a CCC-633EZ on file. Receipts for sold lambs (pelts) must have a stamp or written certification that the lambs were "certified unshorn". An unshorn lamb is a lamb that has never been shorn or had the wool removed for the first time. Let your buyers know this certification is required on the receipt.

NAVAJO TRIBAL GRAZING PERMITS- SUBLEASING CONCERNS

In accordance with Navajo Federal Grazing Regulation, Title 25 CFR, a permittee cannot sublease their grazing lands to another person without obtaining approval authorization from the Navajo Grazing Authority. This rule applies for allowing someone else to use the permit or rather allowing another person to graze animals not owned by the permittee on a permittees grazing land. Once in a while our office finds that we often find other unnamed individuals coming in to apply for participation on livestock programs by using another persons grazing land/permit. Because of the Navajo Tribal code, and as a reminder, we cannot accept certain producer participation eligibility from someone who is not named on the grazing permit unless accompanied by the proper authorization. Individuals are encouraged to probate and finalize any pending changes to grazing permits to ensure eligibility is maintained for program participation. Individuals are encouraged to contact their grazing board members and/or the Natural Resources Office in Window Rock for questions on this regulation or to obtain written authorization for another individual to use another's grazing area. This authorization must be provided to our office at the time of signing up to participate in a program that requires evidence of control or title on the land or grazing area for eligibility.

EMERGENCY LOANS

On May 9, 2006 the Secretary designated Apache County, AZ as a Natural Disaster due to Drought. On July 13 Montezuma County was designated as a primary disaster area due to Freezes on May 9 – 11, and May 28 – 30, 2006. Because San Juan County New Mexico is contiguous to Apache county Arizona and Montezuma county Colorado, producers are eligible to apply for Emergency Loans 8 months from the date of declarations. Loan approval and funding subject to a borrower meeting the eligibility requirements. For more information you can call the San Juan FSA office or call directly to the area Farm Loan manager at (505) 384-2272. If on the Navajo tribal lands, you may also contact Mr. Ivan Becenti with the FSA American Indian Credit Outreach in Chinle, AZ at (928)-674-2135 for further information.

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