



**Bernalillo/Sandoval County Farm Service Agency
September 15, 2006 Newsletter**

MONTHLY COC MEETING DATES AND TIMES

FINAL DATE TO PURCHASE
2006 NAP

Barley, Oats, Rye Triticale, Wheat	Sept. 30, 2006
Apples, Apricots, Cherries, Caneberries, Grapes, Nectarines, Peaches, Pears, Pistachios, Plums	Nov. 30, 2006

Date	Time
Wednesday, September 20, 2006	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 18, 2006	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 15, 2006	10:00 a.m.
*Thursday, December 7, 2006	10:00 a.m.

*Indicates meeting date changed due to Ballot Tabulation.

RECORD CHANGES

Please contact our office with any changes in:

- ✓ Acreage Divisions
- ✓ Acreage Combinations
- ✓ Direct Deposit information
- ✓ Change in Owner
- ✓ Change in Operator
- ✓ Name and address
- ✓ Entity Type Changes
- ✓ Death of owner/operator
- ✓ Leases and/or new leases
- ✓ Sale of Land
- ✓ Purchase of Land

LDP'S FOR WOOL, MOHAIR, UNSHORN PELT AND OTHER
ELIGIBLE COMMODITIES

Producers are reminded to complete and submit CCC-633 EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Agreement, Page 1, prior to harvest, shearing, or slaughter and before beneficial interest is lost. Page 2, must be submitted on or before the applicable final loan availability date for the commodity. Wool and mohair sales receipts must be submitted and Page 4 completed after sale.



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 :

- Letter 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 **Bernalillo County**, First Fall Freeze is October 18th. Notice of Loss must be filed by November 1st.
- For **Sandoval County**, First Fall Freeze is September 29th. Notice of Loss must be filed by October 13, 2006

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 participate 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.**

ATTENTION FARMERS & RANCHERS

Are you concerned about water conservation?
Are you applying the right amount of nutrients to your crops?
Do you tend to over-irrigate?
Are noxious weeds infesting your pastures?
Do you have adequate watering facilities?
Need help with your livestock distribution?
Are you concerned about overgrazing?

If so, Federal money is available for cost-share conservation projects through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing the application deadline of **November 3, 2006** for the 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). For more information, please contact the NRCS Albuquerque Field Office at 505-761-5447 for Bernalillo County, and the NRCS Cuba Field Office at 505-289-3278 for Sandoval County.



BERNALILLO-SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

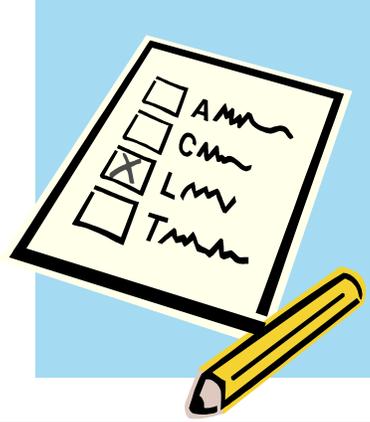
Nominating Petitions were received and reviewed by COC. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on November 3, 2006. Ballots must be returned to the county office by December 4, 2006. County Committee will count ballots on December 7, 2006. The two voting areas this year are:

Local Administrative Area #1, which covers the North Valley (Bernalillo County), all land north and west of 1-40 to the county line, and east to the Sandia Mountains. LAA #2, which covers the South Valley (Bernalillo County), all lands south of 1-40 to include mountain areas of north and south 14, 17, and Southeast through Chilili Land Grant.

More information is available on the web at:
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/Default.asp>

REMINDER

**VOTE FOR FARMERS/RANCHERS OF
YOUR CHOICE FROM LAA 1 & LAA 2
BY DECEMBER 4, 2006**



EXCESSIVE RAIN AND FLOODS

Due to the recent excessive rains and floods that occurred in the counties, the county office has reported the losses and requested assistance.

If a program becomes available to assist with the losses, you will be notified as soon as possible.

Since the FSA office sells insurance for crops and rangeland grass, this program would have benefited the producers with your recent loss. By purchasing insurance, this program assists producers for losses to their crops due to a natural disaster, such as the floods which just occurred. Insurance is \$100.00 per crop not to exceed \$300.00. Page 1 of this Newsletter explains the program further.

Please think about the importance of purchasing crop insurance in the event a natural disaster occurs again.

LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Recently you have read about the Livestock Assistance Grant Program (LAPG) in your local newspapers. This program is a federally funded program, which will assist livestock producers partially recover forage production losses due to drought conditions during 2006.

This program is funded by the federal government, but FSA will not play a role in administering the program.

The program has been funded at \$50 million nationwide. These funds will be distributed to the states and administered by the State. Whether it is administered by the Governor's office, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, or other agencies, is not yet known.

The State will announce the program and notify producers about the program, when to apply, where to apply, and other information that is needed.

If FSA receives any information on the program, we will notify you on what we know.

FOREIGN INVESTORS

Foreign Investors who buy, sell, or hold a direct or indirect interest in US Agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the US Secretary of Agriculture. Reporting requirements became law in late 1978 with the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA). Transactions must be reported within 90 days of the transaction date. Failure to timely file an accurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

SECRETARIAL NATURAL DISASTER DESIGNATION

On August 30, 2006, the USDA Secretary designated Cibola, Valencia, Dona Ana, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, and Socorro counties as disaster primary counties due to severe storms and flooding which occurred July 26, 2006 and continuing. Bernalillo, Catron, Chaves, De Baca, Eddy, Grant, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, McKinley, Sandoval, Sierra, and Torrance counties were designated contiguous counties.

This designation makes farm operations in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for **LOW INTEREST EMERGENCY LOANS** from FSA, provided eligibility requirements are met. For more information in Bernalillo-Sandoval counties, contact the Torrance county FSA loan servicing department at 505-384-2272 x 2.



HOLIDAY

The Agricultural Service Center will be closed on Monday October 9, 2006, in observance of Columbus Day.

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