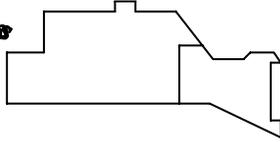


# Valencia-Cibola County FSA Office

We are proud to serve  
Valencia and Cibola Counties



September 15, 2006

FINAL DATE TO PURCHASE 2006 NAP	
Barley, Oats, Rye, Triticale, Wheat	<b>Sept. 30, 2006</b>
Apples, Apricots, Cherries, Caneberries, Grapes, Nectarines, Peaches, Pears, Pistachios, Plums	<b>Nov. 30, 2006</b>

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Notice of Loss must be filed by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- For **Cibola County**, First Fall Freeze is September 28<sup>th</sup>. Notice of Loss must be filed by Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## FARMING/RANCHING OPERATION CHANGES

Any type of change to your operation must be reported to this office, such as: sales, leases, owners, operators, banking changes, direct deposit changes, acreage divisions or combinations, change in entity type, etc.

## MONTHLY COC MEETING PLACES AND TIMES

Date	Time
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006	9:00 a.m.
<b>**Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006 *</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>

\*\*Indicates month meeting will be held in Grants, N.M.

\*Indicates day change due to ballot tabulation

## 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.

**VALENCIA SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT INFORMATION**

The Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The office is located at 267 Courthouse Rd, Los Lunas, NM. Telephone: 865-5807. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**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 Los Lunas Field Office at 865-4641 x 3 for Valencia County, NRCS Grants Field Office at 287-4045 for Cibola County, and NRCS Datil Field Office at 772-5722 x 100 for SW Cibola County.



**VALENCIA-CIBOLA COUNTY COMMITTEE  
ELECTION**

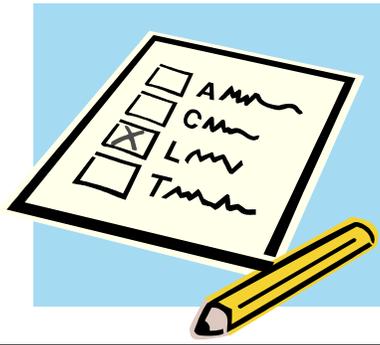
Nominating Petitions were received and reviewed by COC. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on November 3, 2006. Ballots must be returned to the county office by December 4, 2006. County Committee will count ballots on December 6, 2006.

Local Administrative Area #2, which covers from Hob Road East of the Rio Grande and Miller Road West of the Rio Grande to the Socorro County Line in Valencia County and Local Administrative are #4, which covers the Acoma, Laguna, Seboyeta, Cubero, San Fidel and surrounding areas in Cibola County, are the two voting areas this year.

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 2 & LAA 4  
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.



Barbara J. Zellers  
County Executive Director

## **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 Valencia and Cibola counties, contact the Torrance county FSA loan servicing department at 505-384-2272 x 2.

### **USDA MOVING**

The Agricultural Service Center will be moving to a new building on November 1, 2006. The Service Center consists of the following agencies: Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development, and Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District.

**The new location is directly west of the Los Lunas Wal Mart. Office will be located on Palmillo Street.**

As we get closer to the move in date, we will notify you of dates we will be closed to move the furniture and files.

### **HOLIDAY**

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

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