



## Baker County Farm Service Agency

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## BAKER COUNTY COW CHIP

### Natural Disaster Declaration

Baker County producers are eligible for emergency loan (EM) assistance due to Malheur County's July 13, 2006 disaster declaration. To qualify for EM loans, farmers and ranchers will need to show that they are unable to obtain needed financing through their normal credit sources and they must show at least a 30% production loss in one of their primary farm enterprises. EM loan applications will be accepted through March 13, 2007, for qualifying losses. Inquires and applications for EM assistance can be received at the Baker Farm Service Agency, 3990 Midway Drive or by calling 523-7121 x2.

### If you were affected by the recent fires....

The Baker County FSA is assessing the damages on private lands that were directly affected by the recent fires within the county. The reason for the assessment is to determine the need for requesting emergency fencing funds. If it is determined there is a need, emergency fence funds will be requested. Please contact Josh @ 541-523-7121 x2, if you were affected by the fires and would like to report your losses.

### Acreage Report Deadline----August 15th

All producers with farms participating in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment program, the Conservation Reserve Program, Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP), or wishing to apply for a Commodity Loan or a Loan Deficiency Payment must file an acreage report to maintain or establish eligibility. Operators and owners are also reminded that all acreage reporting data is being reconciled with federal crop insurance. With so many programs using this information it is important for producers to take their time and be very accurate. We are, once again, reminding producers that plant dates are required for all crops and acreages reported for 2006. Acreage reports filed after August 15<sup>th</sup> will be assessed late file fees.

**For all USDA programs requiring 2006 acreage reports no payments will be issued until reports have been completed.** Please feel free to stop by the office at anytime to complete your 2006 acreage report.

### Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Qualifications

On the below graph you will find the major crops grown in Baker County, which are eligible for commodity loans and loan deficiency payments (LDP's). Each crop has its loan rate, Posted County Price (PCP) for August 2nd, and the calculated Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) rate for August 2nd. The PCP changes daily except in the case of Wool, Mohair and Dry Peas, which change weekly. If the PCP is above the loan rate there is no LDP. As the PCP drops below the loan rate, the LDP compensates producers accordingly. Hopefully the following table can offer some assistance:

Crop	Loan Rate	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> /PCP Rate	August 2nd/LDP Rate
Wheat-Soft White (Grain or Hay)	\$2.85/bu	\$3.37/bu	\$0.00/bu
Wheat-Hard Red Spring (Grain or Hay)	\$3.10/bu	\$4.46/bu	\$0.00/bu
Barley (Grain or Hay)	\$2.15/bu	\$2.07/bu	<b><u>\$0.08/bu</u></b>
Oats (Grain or Hay)	\$1.33/bu	\$1.60/bu	\$0.00/bu
Corn (Silage or Grain)	\$2.32/bu	\$2.40/bu	\$0.00/bu
Dry Peas	\$6.63/cwt	\$4.39/cwt	<b><u>\$2.24/cwt</u></b>
Wool (ungraded)	\$0.38/lb	\$0.16/lb	<b><u>\$0.22/lb</u></b>
Mohair	\$4.20/lb	\$4.43/lb	\$0.00/lb
Honey	\$0.60/lb	\$0.79/lb	\$0.00/lb
Unshorn Lamb Pelts	Call office for computation		

### Premises ID

Producers with a Premises ID need to contact the Farm Service Agency county office staff to update their premises information following a change in address, type of premises, name of contact person or telephone number. This is required to ensure an accurate database. Premises ID is part of the voluntary National Animal Identification System. NAIS is designed to rapidly identify all animals and premises that have had direct contact with a disease. Details on NAIS are available at <http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml>

## SWCD CORNER-----Small Grant Deadline

The Small Grant Program is an easy-to-engage-in, competitive grant program that awards funds of up to \$10,000 for on-the-ground restoration projects. This is a 75%/25% Cost-Share program.

Since its inception in 2001, OWEB's Small Grant Program has funded many Small Grant projects on private lands in Baker County. The Small Grant Program responds to a need for local decision-making about watershed restoration opportunities on a shorter timeframe than is available under OWEB's regular grant program.

### Eligible Projects

- Irrigation efficiency projects, must either not adversely impact the current level of groundwater in a Groundwater Management Area, or must measurably reduce the diversion of surface water at the point of diversion. As a condition of funding, all irrigation efficiency projects will require local Watermaster technical review and approval using a standard OWEB form.
- Post-fire seeding is limited to areas where natural regeneration is unlikely — typically on slopes of 30 percent or more — or where it can be demonstrated that seeding would retard or prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Native beneficial mixes are preferred, though not required.
- Prescribed burning in upland areas, except when conducted as part of a commercial harvest.
- Non-commercial thinning
- Water guzzlers for wildlife

Currently, Baker County is taking application for the small amount of funding that we have available. Applications are due by 5:00 pm, Aug14th, 2006.

Applications are available at the SWCD office, 3990 Midway, Baker City. For more information contact the Baker County SWCD office at 541-523-7121, ext 118.

### 2007 Non-Insured Assistance Program Deadlines

The Non-Insured Assistance Program is designed for all crops that can not be insured under federal crop insurance. NAP only provides catastrophic insurance coverage (50% yield, 55% price). The cost of an application is \$100 per crop/year and no producer will be required to pay more than \$300 per county/year, no matter how many crops are grown. Producers who acquired NAP coverage in 2005 must reapply for 2006 coverage. Below are the deadlines that apply. If you have any questions on when or how to apply for NAP coverage, contact Dyann or Josh @ 523-7121 x2

10/03/06	Grass (hay and seed), Alfalfa (hay and seed), Clover Seed, Small Grain Forage (fall and spring), Other Forage Crops, Grazing, Other perennials not mentioned
11/20/06	Berries, Fruit, Honey
03/15/07	All spring planted crops not mentioned
05/31/07	Buckwheat

- Producers who received 2003/2004 Crop Disaster Payments on a non-insurable crop that **was not** covered under the Non-Insured Assistance Program must obtain coverage in 2006 or face refunding the payment back at principal plus interest.

### Dates to Remember

**08/14- August COC meeting**

**08/15- 2006 Crop Reports Due**

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