



Farm Service Agency

BEAVER FSA NEWSLETTER

MAY-JUNE 2007

DCP Program

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

It's time once again to sign-up for the DCP program! You can begin enrolling your farm in 2007 DCP.

This commodity based program *is not* a continuous program. Contracts for the DCP program must be updated each year. **Deadline to enroll without a late payment fee is August 3, 2007.**

The last day to sign your 2007 DCP contract is September 28, 2007, but you will be required to pay the \$100 late-file fee if you enroll between August 4th and September 28th.

When you sign the DCP contract, you are agreeing to:

- Comply with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions on all your land.
- Devote acreage equal to the base acreage to an agricultural or conserving use. (The planting of fruits and vegetables on base acreage may result in payment reductions or loss of benefits.)
- Effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain base acres according to sound agricultural practices.
- File acreage report with respect to all cropland on the farm.
- Notify the County Office Staff when there is a transfer of or

Loan Deficiency Payments

Don't forget that the Farm Service Agency rolled out a new, streamlined process for requesting loan deficiency payments. The CCC-633 EZ, "Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Agreement and Request" is now the required form.

By signing the first page of this form, you indicate your intention to receive LDP benefits. Once the form has been signed, you can submit an LDP request for payment at any time during the loan availability period – before or after losing beneficial interest.

One thing that hasn't changed is the statutory requirement that you request an LDP **before** beneficial interest in an eligible commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained.

SIGN UP FOR THE 2007 LDP YEAR NOW!

For more information on this program, contact the county office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and click on the "Price Support" link and then select "Loan Deficiency Payments."

A subsidy payment is available when the market price of the commodity falls below the loan rate.

An LDP on wool is currently available. A new payment rate is announced each Wednesday.

Acreage Reporting

It is time to begin filing your 2007 crop reports with our office. If you let us know in advance, we will be able to have your maps and all forms ready for you, and it will reduce the time required to complete this process.

ALL participating farms must file an annual crop report to be eligible for program benefits.

The deadline to report acreage is July 2, 2007. Reports filed after that date will be required to pay a \$46 late fee. COME IN TODAY!

Also keep track of your planting dates. These dates are required on your crop report. These dates are helpful to you in the event of a disaster program.

Gross Revenue

Many disaster programs state that a "person" as determined by payment limitation definition, shall not be eligible to receive certain payments and benefits if their gross revenue exceeds \$2 million or \$2.5 million.

CIVIL RIGHTS

As a participant or applicant for programs or activities operated or sponsored by USDA, you have a right to be treated fairly. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, disability, or marital or familial status, you may file a discrimination complaint. The complaint should be filed with the USDA Office of Civil Rights within 180 days of the date you became aware the alleged discrimination occurred. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 326W, Whitten Building, Stop 9410, Washington DC 20250-9410, or call 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD).

Eligibility Reviews

Just a reminder, our office is currently conducting in-depth reviews of documents used to support producer eligibility. The review is the agency's effort to ensure the accuracy of all payments made to producers. This process pays great attention to detail, takes time, and **must be completed before any 2007 crop-year program payments can be made.** You may need to complete new forms and provide additional supplemental documentation.

County Office Information

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County Committee:

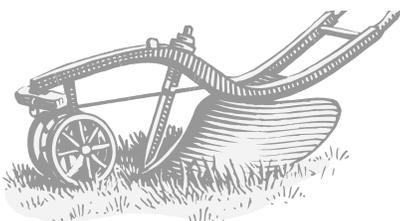
Lynn Harris	Chairperson
Shauna Harris	Vice-Chairperson
Jennifer Marshall	Member

2007 County Committee Elections

The County Committee position that will be up for election this year is: Area 3, the Milford area. If you farm or ranch in this area and are interested in serving on the county committee please contact our office. Interested persons need to file form FSA-669A "Nomination Form for County FSA Committee Election".

Controlled Substance

Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance may be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting, or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium poppies and other drug producing plants



Dates to Remember

TODAY Sign-up for 2007 DCP
TODAY Report Farm Changes
TODAY ELIGIBILITY SIGNUPS REQUIRED
May 28 Office Closed Memorial Day
May 29 COC Meeting
June 26 COC Meeting
July 2 Last day to file Acreage Report Without paying Late Fee of \$46

Spot Checks by FSA

All CCC-501's (Member Information) and CCC-502's (Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility Review) are subject to spot-check through the end-of-year review process. If elected for a spot-check, producers will be asked to submit proof of their contribution to the farming operation such as seed, fertilizer and chemical bills; land lease agreements, land contracts or property tax payments; equipment lists; cancelled checks for paid labor or hired management; and any other items the FSA County Committee determines are necessary, to verify the operation is actually being performed as was stated.

NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PRODUCERS WHO HAVE A NAP CONTRACT ON FILE WITH THIS OFFICE NEED TO FILE A "NOTICE OF LOSS" WHEN IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT A COVERED CROP OR PASTURE HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY DROUGHT, FROST, INSECTS, ETC. THIS "NOTICE OF LOSS" SHOULD BE FILED **WITHIN 15 DAYS** OF WHEN THE DAMAGE IS APPARENT—NO MATTER HOW SIGNIFICANT THE LOSS MAY SEEM AT THE TIME. PRODUCERS ALSO NEED TO NOTIFY OUR OFFICE IF YOU INTEND TO GRAZE A CROP INSTEAD OF HARVEST IT.

ADDITIONALLY, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT PRODUCTION EVIDENCE, EVEN IF YOU DID NOT HAVE A LOSS, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN ACTUAL PRODUCTION HISTORY (APH) FOR EACH YEAR. THIS IS USED TO CALCULATE YOUR PRODUCTION YIELD; AND CONSEQUENTLY, WILL AFFECT YOUR NAP PAYMENT. **JULY 2, 2007 IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT 2006 CROP YEAR PRODUCTION RECORDS.**

Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact our office.



Delinquent Debtors Barred

Under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA), producers owing a delinquent non-tax debt to the federal government are ineligible for federal financial assistance, including marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20250-9410, or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

JoKE of the Month

The Broken Mower

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, playing golf - always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

Moral to this story: Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is the husband.



FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

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 may be beginning farmers who can't qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have a lack of cash flow to meet bank standards. 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

NAP Production Records

Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete production information. The producer's responsibility includes but is not limited to:

- Providing the best verifiable or reliable production evidence available for the crop by practice, type, or variety
- Summarizing all the production evidence
- Accounting for all of the crop's production, whether or not records reflect this production
- Providing the information in a manner that can easily be understood by COC
- Reporting production by June 30th of the year following the crop production
- Retaining production evidence for 3 crop years after the crop year initially certified.

Production records that are acceptable to CCC include verifiable or reliable:

- Commercial receipts, settlement sheets, warehouse ledger sheets, pick records, or load summaries if the eligible crop was sold or otherwise disposed of through commercial channels
- Documentary evidence, such as contemporaneous measurements, truck scale tickets, pick records, and contemporaneous diaries, as necessary, to verify information provided by the producer if the eligible crop was stored, sold, fed to livestock, or otherwise disposed of through commercial channels

Verifiable records of production include contemporaneous records provided by the producer that may be verified by Commodity Credit Corporation through an independent source and are used to substantiate the amount of production reported. Verifiable records shall:

- Be dated
- Show disposition of the crop's production, including both quantity and price
- Be seasonal or crop specific for crops that are produced more than once in a calendar year
- Be provided if they exist:
 - Together with the producer's certification of production in support of any application for payment
 - Whenever a record of production is otherwise required by CCC.

Reliable Records: In the event the submission of production records is required and verifiable records are not available, the producer shall provide any documentation available, including but not limited to:

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| Copies of receipts | Register tapes |
| Ledgers of income | Invoices for custom harvesting |
| Income statements of deposit slips | Pick records |

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