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Dates to Remember ~

2007 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

* **Oct 1, 2006—Jun 1, 2007** Signup

2006 ELECTION

* **Jan 1, 2007** Elected committee members and alternates take office

2006 LDP SIGNUP DEADLINES:

- * **Jan 31, 2007** Wool and Mohair
- * **Mar 31, 2007** Barley, Honey, Oats, and Wheat
- * **May 31, 2007** Corn, Grain Sorghum, Sunflower Seed

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

15 days after disaster condition occurs to report loss to county office

* **Production reporting date for 2006 crop:** July 15, 2007

* **Application Closing Date for 2007:**

Mar 15, 2007 Forage Sorghum, Fruits & Vegetables (FAVs), Millet, NI Corn, Oats, Soybeans, Sunflowers

PREVENTED PLANTING

* 15 days after disaster or end of planting period

OFFICE CLOSED

- * **Jan 15, 2007**—Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday
- * **Feb 19, 2007**—George Washington's Birthday
- * **May 28, 2007**—Memorial Day
- * **July 4, 2007**—Independence Day

2007 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS ❄ LAA 2

Votes were counted for LAA 2 on December 11, 2006. Congratulations to Craig Sterkel, elected to serve a 3-year term. Craig's new term starts January 1, 2007. Bill Bohn is the First Alternate. COC meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and are open to interested producers. Thanks to Mike Laber for his 18 years of service on the COC and CMC for Boulder and Jefferson County agricultural producers.



2007 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL SIGN UP

Signup for the 2007 DCP began October 1, 2006. Contact the county office to schedule an appointment to enroll your farm. When updating the 2007 contract, you may elect to receive 22% advance direct payments any time from December 2006 through September 2007.

2007 PROGRAM INFORMATION

- * **Farm changes**—report any farming operation changes so that we can keep your records current. This includes changes in landownership, tenants or crop share arrangements.
- * **Plan to update** your payment limitation documents and other program eligibility records.
- * **Reconstitutions**—changes that require farm reconstitutions (combinations/divisions) should be reported as soon as possible so we can update your records prior to 2007 DCP signup.

We will be sending appointment cards soon. If the time/date doesn't work for you please let us know so your appointment may be rescheduled. June 1 is the final date to sign up without a \$100 late file fee being applied.

RE-ENROLLMENTS AND INCENTIVES FOR CONTINUOUS AND FARMABLE WETLANDS PILOT (FWP) SIGNUPS

On Sep 30, 2007, over 300,000 acres of CRP contracts enrolled under continuous signup criteria will begin to expire. Expiring general signup acreage and expiring acreage under a continuous signup may be eligible for re-enrollment under a continuous CRP or FWP practice if based on a site visit, the acreage is suitable for the offered practice, the practice is needed and feasible to solve the resource concern, and the purpose of the practice is met. For more information contact the county office.

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (NAP)

Definition of Alfalfa Stand: alfalfa consisting of a pure stand or mixture of alfalfa/grass, alfalfa/other legumes, etc. in which 60% or more of the plant population is alfalfa. If stand does not meet the definition then it is considered Mixed Forage.

Reminder → →

2007 APPLICATION CLOSING DATES—Mar 15, 2007 is the application closing date for 2007 Vegetables, NI Corn, forage sorghum, oats, and sunflowers.

Further information on **NAP** is available from your local FSA office or on FSA's Web site at: www.fsa.usda.gov

2007 LOAN RATES

Boulder County:		Jefferson County:	
Barley	\$1.95	Barley	\$2.00
Wheat	\$2.79	Wheat	\$2.84
Oats	\$1.37	Oats	\$1.37
Sunflowers	\$8.67	Sunflowers	\$8.68

WOOL, MOHAIR, & PELTS LDPs OR LOANS

Producers have until January 31, 2007 to request LDPs or loans for 2006-crop wool, mohair, and pelts that have not yet been marketed and remain in storage.

To be eligible for a 9-month marketing assistance loan or LDP for wool or mohair, producers must demonstrate compliance with wetland and highly erodible land conservation requirements.



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Holiday Food Drive Yields over 1 Ton . . .

Over 3,000 pounds of food was donated to the OUR Center in Longmont and to the Trinity Housing Authority in Greeley, Food and cash donations were collected December 5th–16th. Thank you to major participants including the St. Vrain Valley Young Farmers, Longmont Conservation District, Liberty Livestock and Northeast Boulder County 4-H Clubs and the USDA Service Center.



Colorado Agricultural Outlook Forum 2007 Feb 21, 2007
The 16th annual Ag Outlook Forum will focus on the facts, effects and policies associated with global climate change.
 (303) 239-4166 www.ag.state.co.us Double Tree Hotel, 3203 Quebec St, Denver, CO 80207

ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

Recent changes in farm programs and procedure require the review and updating of several of our eligibility forms for the 2007 crop year. Because our web-based eligibility files are used by so many applications, it is very important that data is accurately recorded and supported by proper documentation before payments are made to producers.

County offices will be verifying that eligibility data is complete and accurate before making 2007 payments for the following:

- ✧ **Person and Actively Engaged Determinations:**
 - ✧ *Form CCC-502*—Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility Review—Used to collect information about producers to determine the producer's eligibility for payments from FSA.
- ✧ **Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification:**
 - ✧ *Form AD-1026*—Used to determine eligibility for program benefits and other financial assistance administered by USDA agencies.
- ✧ **Adjusted Gross Income Certification:**
 - ✧ *Form CCC-526*—Used to certify compliance with the adjusted gross income provision for the receipt of commodity, conservation, and price support program benefits.
- ✧ **Power of Attorney:**
 - ✧ *Form FSA-211*—Used by a producer/entity to authorize proper signature authority to conduct business with the county FSA office.
- ✧ **Cash Rent Tenant Determination**
- ✧ **Gross Revenue for NAP:**
 - ✧ *Form CCC-411* Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Certification of Income Eligibility—Maintained in the FSA county office as evidence the producer certifies to income eligibility.

Eligibility data must be reviewed and updated for entities such as corporations, limited partnerships, trusts, estates, etc.; members of joint operations such as general partnerships and joint ventures in addition to the joint operation itself; as well as for individuals.