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# VIEW FROM THE PEAK

## EXTENDING CROP REPORTING DATES



Final crop reporting dates are being extended to August 15, 2008 because of the delay in announcing

the provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill and extreme weather conditions. Remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all

crops and land uses, including prevented planting and failed acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

For 2008, COC may accept requests for prevented planting as timely if filed by Aug



15. And, failed acreage shall be reported by Aug 15 for 2008.

Acreage reports are required to remain in compliance with current Farm Service Agency programs and to maintain current cropping history on the farms.

## PREVENTED PLANTING/FAILED ACREAGE

**Prevented planting** is the inability to plant the intended crop acreage with proper equipment during the established planting period for the crop type because of a natural disaster.

If the producer determines not to plant the irrigated acres because of lack of water resulting from drought conditions and requests prevented planting then the producer must determine that there is not reasonable probability of having adequate water to carry out an irrigated practice. Verifiable information to support this decision should be provided to the county office. To be considered timely, producers must request prevented planting acreage credit on their

FSA-578, acreage report and complete a notice of loss on CCC-576, part B within 15 days after the final planting date. The eligible cause of loss must have occurred after the final planting date for the same crop in the previous crop year and before the final planting date for the same crop in the current year.

Acreage must have been prevented from being planted because of a natural disaster rather than a management decision. Preliminary efforts, such as disking, orders for seed, fertilizer, etc. must be evident.

**Failed acreage** is acreage that was timely planted with the intent to harvest, but because of disaster related conditions, the crop

failed before it could be brought to harvest.

If a producer decides to request failed acreage credit, verifiable information that the crop was planted with the intent to harvest using farming practices consistent for the crop and area and that the acreage failed because of natural disaster-related conditions and not a management decision must be provided to COC's satisfaction.

To be approved as failed acreage, the acreage must have been reported as failed acreage before the disposition of the crop. Report failed acreage on FSA-578 and complete manual CCC-576 Notice of Loss, Part B prior to destroying the crop.

## PRESIDENTIAL MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION

Boulder County is included in a disaster designation area due to losses caused by severe storms and tornadoes that occurred on May 22, 2008. This designation makes all family sized farm operators eligible to be considered

for low interest emergency loans from FSA, if eligibility requirements are met. Each loan application will take into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. The loans are available effective

May 22, 2008 through January 26, 2009.

Contact Bryan Cook for more information and applications. 303-659-0525 at 57 W Bromley Lane, Brighton, CO

Summer, 2008

### DATES TO REMEMBER ~

**Crop Disaster Program (CDP)**  
 ☉ Oct 15, 07 Signup began  
**Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)**

☉ Jul 18, 08 Signup Deadline  
**Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)**

15 days after disaster condition occurs to report loss to county office  
 Production reporting date for 2007 crop: July 15, 2008

### Application Closing Dates for 2009

- ☉ Sep 1, 08 Aquaculture, Triticale
- ☉ Nov 20, 08 Apples
- ☉ Dec 1, 08 Alfalfa, Mixed Forage, Grass, Honey
- ☉ Mar 15, 09 Forage Sorghum, Fruits & Vegetables (FAVs), Millet, NI Corn, Oats, Soybeans, Sunflowers

### Acreage Reporting Deadline

☉ Aug 15, 08 Final date to report 2008 acres. Required for CRP, LDPs, & NAP participants

### Prevented Planting

☉ 15 days after disaster or end of planting period

## 2008 LOAN RATES

	Boulder:	Jefferson:
Barley	\$1.95	\$2.00
Corn	\$2.11	\$2.14
Oats	\$1.35	\$1.35
Sorghum	\$3.41	\$3.41
Sunflowers	\$9.18	\$9.23
Wheat-HRW	\$2.94	\$2.94
Wheat-HRS	\$2.63	

### OFFICE CLOSED:

- Jul 4 Independence Day
- Sep 1 Labor Day
- Oct 13 Columbus Day
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 25 Christmas Day

## 2008 FARM BILL

"As details and sign up information of the new farm bill become available we will keep you updated." STAY TUNED.....

## NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

### **Disposition of NAP Coverage Acreage:**

Producers who have reported crop acreage for NAP purposes who choose not to harvest the specific crop acreage must leave intact all eligible acreage and crop units for which the producer intends to make an application for payment until all units have been appraised or released by a loss adjuster or fully certified FSA employee. During any year that a notice of loss is filed, producers of hand harvested crops are re-quired to notify county office within 15 calendar days after harvest is complete and before destruction of the crop, so an appraisal of remaining production can be completed by a loss adjuster.



**Production Records:** With first cutting of forage crops (alfalfa, etc.) be sure you keep accurate production records to protect your eligibility for assistance. If you will not have record of custom swathing and baling, sales documents or other written documentation, we recommend a measurement service. We can make a bale count and get an average weight to document your production. If you are going to start feeding immediately, the measurement service should be completed prior to feeding.

**Definition of Alfalfa Stand:** Stands comprised of at least 60% alfalfa. Stands of at least 25% up to 60% are Mixed Forage.

### PRODUCTION REPORTING DEADLINE FOR 2007 CROP

• Jul 15, 2008

### 2009 APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

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## CROP DISASTER PROGRAM SIGNUP CONTINUES

FSA continues to accept applications and make payments for quantity losses under the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) for losses that

occurred before the end of the 2007 calendar year. However, payments may be delayed 60–90 days on applications received after June 20,

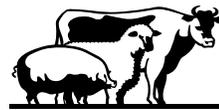
2008. Later this summer FSA will begin making payments to producers for quality losses under CDP.

## USDA ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR 2005–2007 LCP

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Teresa Lasseter today announced that livestock producers have until July 18, 2008, to enroll in the 2005 - 2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP). Signup began on Sep 10,

2007, for the two programs that provide aid to livestock producers who suffered livestock feed losses between Jan 1, 2005 and Dec 30, 2007, because of a natural disaster.

The LCP provides payments to eligible livestock



owners and cash lessees who suffered feed losses or increased feed costs because of a natural disaster.

"For more disaster program information go online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>."

## CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM—CRITICAL FEED USE

Beginning June 2, 2008 participants with certain established vegetative cover may request to voluntarily modify CRP contracts for critical feed use, such as haying and grazing. The haying and grazing is not authorized during the primary bird nesting or brood rearing season which ends July 15, 2008 in Colorado. This modification is only available for 2008 between July 15 and No-

vember 10, 2008. You can not hay and graze the same acreage. Participants may use their CRP acreage for a critical feed use or may lease the privilege to any other individual. Haying provisions is limited to 1 cutting and must leave at least 50% of each field standing. If grazing, you must leave at least 25% of each field acreage at no more that 75% of the stocking rate as determined by NRCS.

No payment reduction to the annual rental rate will be applied but a \$75 administrative fee will be assessed. All CRP modifications must be requested and approved prior to any haying or grazing actions being taken by the producer. Any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of the critical feed use will be re-established at the participants expense.

## CONTINUOUS CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows participants the opportunity to enroll environmentally sensitive acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources.

The Continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment.

To be eligible for enrollment in the Continuous

CRP, participants and acreage must meet certain requirements. Provided the eligibility requirements are met, FSA will automatically accept enrollments of acreage into Continuous CRP. Landowners may enroll in the program at any time during the year. For more information on Continuous CRP, please contact your local FSA office.

## ARE YOU SIGNING YOUR FSA DOCUMENTS CORRECTLY?

Due to changes in regulations and policy please take care in how you sign your documents for the FSA office.

Here are a few reminders:

**For all signatures:** Sign in ink or indelible pencil. By mark, printed, or in other than English script must be witnessed by an FSA employee or person who receives no direct benefit from the action. The witness must sign by the signature.

The signature must agree with the name typed or printed on the form and used for tax reporting.

If a signature is not legible the person must include with the document a copy of a valid state drivers license.

**Spousal signatures:** Spouses may sign for each other without a Power of Attorney as long as it is for an individual interest and no written notification of denial of this is on file. Does not apply to loans.

Sign for the person followed with "by" or



"for", your name, spouse.

**Individual POA Signature:** Copy of FSA-211 must be on file.

Signature of an individual authorized to sign as attorney-in-fact for another shall consist of an indicator such as "by" or "for" and 1 of the following:

- Name of attorney-in-fact
- Name of attorney-in-fact and capacity
- Name of attorney-in-fact, capacity, and name of grantor

**General Partnership:** Any member of a general partnership may sign for the general partnership and bind all members unless the Articles of Partnership is more restrictive.

The signature of an individual authorized to act for a general partnership shall consist of an indicator, such as "by" or "for" and 1 of the following:

- Individual's name
- Individual's name and capacity
- Individual's name, capacity, and name of the

partnership

**Estates, Trusts, Conservatorship or**

**guardianships:** Copy of papers must be on file and show signature authority. The signature shall consist of:

- An indicator, such as "by" or "for" and
- Representative's name and capacity and
- Name of estate, trust conservatorship or guardianship, except when the name is shown on the document

**Signature for entities, LLC, LLP, INC,**

**etc:** Copy of necessary documents must be on file and show signature authority. The signature shall consist of:

- An indicator, such as "by" or "for" and
- Representative's name and capacity and
- Name of entity, except when the name is shown on the document

**Minor signatures:** Minors may not appoint an attorney-in-fact to act on their behalf or be appointed as an attorney-in-fact to act on the grantor's behalf.

Minors must sign the document along with the signature of a parent or guardian.

## 2008 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Producers who are residents in the *local administrative area (LAA)* holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Individuals from any LAA in Boulder-Jefferson County can nominate candidates for the LAA holding the election. Organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. A nomination form FSA669A for county committee election is included as an insert in this newsletter for your convenience, is available in the county office, or may be downloaded from <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce>.

Candidate nominations will be accepted June 15 through August 1, 2008. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed

by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected and must be returned to the county office or post-marked by August 1.

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Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on Nov 3.

**DATE OF ELECTION: DEC 1, 2008**  
**Signed ballots must be postmarked or returned to this office by Dec 1.**

Ballots will be counted on Dec 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the county office. Interested producers are invited to witness the ballot count.

**CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION LAA-3**

(Isabelle/Valmont Road south to the county line and all of Jefferson County)

This is a 3-year term

**"FSA COUNTS ON YOU:"**

**NOMINATE AND VOTE!**

### 2008 COC ELECTION SCHEDULE



- ★ **JUN 15, 2008**—Nomination period begins. Nomination forms are available from the county office as well as on the website listed below.
  - ★ **AUG 1, 2008**—Last day to file nomination forms in the county office
  - ★ **NOV 3 2008**—Ballots mailed to eligible voters
  - ★ **DEC 1, 2008**—Last day to return completed ballots—postmarked or delivered to the county office
  - ★ **DEC 5, 2008**—Ballots counted in the county office at 9:30 a.m.
  - ★ **JAN 1, 2009**—Elected committee members and alternates take office
- Nomination forms and fact sheets are also available at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/>

## 2008 MARKETING ASSISTANT LOANS (MALs) AND LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDPs)

The 2008 Act authorizes 2008 crop MALs and LDPs on wheat, barley, oats, corn, grain sorghum, sunflower seed, graded and non-graded wool, mohair, and honey.

The 2008 Act also provides a beneficial interest exception for 2008 crop wool, mohair, and unshorn pelt producers who lost beneficial interest in the 2008 crop before June 5, 2008 and will expire on July 11, 2008.

For more information, contact your local FSA office.



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## FSA Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth organizations. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Live in the open country or in a town of less than 10,000 people
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision.

"Farm Loan Program personnel will be available to answer questions, assist in the application process, etc. in the Boulder-Jefferson County FSA office the 2nd Friday of each month 9:30—3:00. Located at 9595 Nelson Road, Longmont, CO 80501 in the Natural Resources Building on the Boulder County Fairgrounds. (303) 776-1242 opt 2"

## FSA Kids SUMMER FUN ~

Check out the FSA Kids website for the Summer Coloring/ Drawing Page as well as other fun activities. The theme is, "If I Had My Own Farm I would . . .

Download the drawing page and instructions online at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fsakids>



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## TV CONVERTER BOX COUPON PROGRAM

Do you have a TV in you home that works with the help of "rabbit ears" or a rooftop antenna? If so, you should be aware of an important change in broadcasting coming in **February 2009**. The **Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005** requires TV stations to stop

broadcasting in analog and to broadcast only in digital after **February 17, 2009**. The Act created the TV Converter Box Coupon Program for households wishing to use their analog TVs after the transition. The Federal government is offering US households up to two \$40 coupons to help pay for the cost of a certified



converter box. TVs connected to cable, satellite, or other pay services do not need a converter box to receive programs after February 17, 2009.

More information can be found: online at [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov) or by phone at 1-888-388-2009.

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