



Farm Service Agency

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CRP

It is time once again to remind CRP contract holders of their responsibilities to control any weeds, insects, pest, and other undesirable species, which would have an impact on surrounding land. Failure to control these items may result in contract payment reductions or termination. CRP maintenance such as mowing, disking, or burning shall not be performed during the primary nesting season which is April 1 through July 15 each year. This does not apply if you are in the process of establishing the CRP cover. The penalty for disturbing cover during the nesting season is loss of payment on the acres disturbed for the year if a "good faith" determination is made. All CRP Participants are required to file a report of acreage with our office. The deadline to do this is June 30.



Loan Deficiency Payment Program

Loan Deficiency Payments on commodities (barley, oats, corn, wheat, wool, honey) are made when the Posted County Price for the commodity falls below the loan rate. LDP payments can change daily with the market.

There is a new form, the CCC-633EZ, for requesting loan deficiency payments. The new form is effective for 2006 and subsequent crop years. One thing that **has not** changed is the statutory requirement that producers request an LDP **before** beneficial interest in an eligible commodity is lost.

With the new form, producers will be able to indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits before losing beneficial interest. Once the form has been signed, producers can submit an LDP request at any time during the loan availability period.

Crop Reporting

ALL participating farms must file a crop report to be eligible for program benefits. This includes payments under DCP, NAP, CRP, LDP, and disaster programs.

The deadline to report acreage for Box Elder County is June 30, 2006. Reports filed after that date will be required to pay a \$20 late fee per farm.

Also keep track of your planting dates. We will ask you for these dates when you file your crop report. Those dates are helpful to you in the event of a disaster program. Planting dates are also required for producers enrolled in NAP and crop insurance.

MILCX

Milk Income Loss Contract Extension

MILC Program is extended until September 30, 2007!

Section 1101 of the Agricultural Reconciliation Act of 2005 (the 2005 Act) authorized the extension of the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program for the period beginning October 1, 2005, and ending on September 30, 2007.

The initial sign-up for the MILCX program **began on March 13, 2006, and will end on May 17, 2006. Producers must sign a new contract (CCC580X) to be enrolled in the extension of the program.**

During FY 2006 through FY 2007, producers in a dairy operation participating in the MILCX program **must** select a month of commercially marketed production for which CCC shall begin issuing payments to the dairy operation. Beginning with the month selected by the dairy operation, MILC payments will be issued based on the selected months' production and for each consecutive month's production thereafter, with a payment rate in effect, until the earlier of the following:

- Maximum payment quantity of 2.4 million pounds is reached.
- The applicable FY ends.

If you have questions about the MILC Extension please come in or call the office.

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2006 Committee Elections



DCP

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

It's time once again to sign-up for the DCP program!

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 June 1, 2006.**

Changes have been made to the DCP program concerning advanced payments. Beginning with the 2006 crop year, producers will be able to receive a 40% advanced payment and a 22% advanced payment for 2007. When you sign your contract, you will receive a copy of the new CCC-509 Appendix which explains the changes. If you do not enroll by June 1, 2006 there will be a \$100 per farm late file fee.

The County Committee position that will be up for election this year is: Area 2, Box Elder West, Which is Snowville, Park Valley, Howell, Grouse Creek, & Yost. 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." which is enclosed.

Dates to Remember

Today	Sign-up for 2006 DCP
Today	File Acreage Report
Today	Sign CCC-633 EZ
May 4	COC Meeting
May 29	Office Closed – Memorial Day
June 1	2006 DCP sign-up deadline
June 1	COC Meeting
June 30	2006 acreage report deadline
June 30	Deadline to submit production for 2005 NAP

NAP

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. **June 30, 2006 is the deadline to submit 2005 crop year production records.**

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