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2005/2006/2007 Disaster Program Signup Begins

LCP – Livestock Compensation Program

The Livestock Compensation Program will pay benefits to livestock producers for losses incurred in 2005/2006. County office staff will be at training on these programs the week of October 23, 2007. Appointments will be given priority for these applications. Please call the county office to set up your appointments.

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into 2007 are eligible. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for losses in the calendar year 2007 grazing season that are attributable to wildfires occurring during the applicable period, as determined by the U.S. secretary of agriculture.

Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial disaster areas or counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to receive benefits. ***Campbell County meets the disaster declaration requirements for LCP for 2006 only. Campbell County producers can receive LCP Program payments for 2006 only.***

The following are among the types of livestock operations that will be eligible for LCP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer.

The payment rate for each livestock category will be 61 percent of the national payment rate. USDA will publish these rates in the LCP fact sheet. Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided. Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LCP benefits.

LIP - Livestock Indemnity Program

LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into 2007.

Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial disaster areas or counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan.1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible. Producers incurring eligible livestock losses in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to receive benefits. ***Once again, Campbell County meets the disaster declaration requirements for 2006 only.***

The following are among the eligible livestock under LIP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, catfish, crawfish, equine, sheep, goats, swine, poultry or deer.

The payment rate will be 26 percent or above the market value of the livestock on the day before the date of death, as determined by the U.S. secretary of agriculture. These rates will be available in local FSA Service Centers during the sign-up period. Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LIP benefits.

CDP – Crop Disaster Program

Signup for the Crop Disaster Program began October 15, 2007. Program benefits will be based on crop losses incurred in the 2005/2006 crop years. County office staff will be at training on these programs the week of October 23, 2007. Applications will be taken on an appointment basis at the County office. Please call to set up your appointment times.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005 and 2006 and for 2007 crops if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or in the case of prevented plantings would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to receive benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price. The payment quantity for quality losses will be equal to the lesser of: (1) the actual production of the crop affected by a quality loss; or (2) the quantity of expected production of the crop affected by a quality loss. The quality loss must be at least 25 percent of the value that all affected production of the crop would have had if the crop had not suffered a quality loss. Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of the total value of the crop absent the disaster.

Farmers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in CDP benefits. Producers eligible for CDP can also receive benefits under LIP and LCP, which is described above.



2007 NAP Deadline Approaching

Coverage on 2008 NAP crops is now available for purchase through Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) and by Federal Crop Insurance. The deadline to purchase NAP coverage is December 1.

Producers are advised that a new forage coverage is available through private insurance companies on these same crops. Producers MAY NOT have both types of coverage, and the purchase of NAP makes you ineligible for the other coverage. PLEASE contact your private insurance company for additional information on price/benefits. If you have visited with your insurance agent, and decide to purchase NAP rather than this insurance, contact the FSA Office to purchase your NAP coverage.

Crop coverage under NAP will be limited to:

Grass Hay crops
Small Grains planted for hay
Small Grains not covered by FCIC

LDPs for Barley, Wheat and Oats for HAY or Grain

LDP's and commodity loans may be available for eligible commodities: wheat, barley, oats, corn, wool, mohair and honey. Hay, silage and unshorn pelts derived from these commodities are eligible for an LDP but not for loans. LDP applications must be made at the County Office after harvest and before you lose beneficial interest in the commodity. A producer is considered to have beneficial interest in the commodity if ALL of the following remain with the producer: (1) control of the commodity, (2) risk of loss, and (3) title to the commodity.

Remember, you must sign up for your LDP prior to losing beneficial interest in the commodity.

LDP Rates at the time of publication (Sept. 4, 2007) are:

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| Barley | \$0.00/bu | HRW/HRS Wheat | \$0.00/bu |
| Oats | \$0.00/bu | | |

Daily market rates can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov. The bottom right hand column has a selection menu to choose your state and county to find the current daily rate.

2007 Wool and Mohair Loans and LPD's

Attention Sheep Producers: Wool, Unshorn pelts and Sheared LDPs for 2007 need to be filed before you lose beneficial interest (lose control / ownership). Producers must sign a CCC-633EZ before selling wool or if wool will be sold to the shearer. Please contact the County Office prior to shearing or selling unshorn slaughter lamb pelts to file the correct forms. The deadline to file for 2007 wool LDP is January 31, 2008.

Production History

July 2, 2008 is the deadline for turning in your 2007 crop production for NAP. Failure to turn in production will decrease your yield history which will cost you program benefits.





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

***** *Sign up for 2005/2006 Disaster Programs; Crop Disaster Program, Livestock Compensation Program and Livestock Incentive Program. Call the County Office to schedule an appointment.* *****

November 12, 2007 - County Office Closed – Veteran's Day Holiday

November 22, 2007 – County Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day Holiday

December 1, 2007 – Sales Closing date for 2008 NAP Coverage for Grass Hay, Fall-seeded grains and Spring Wheat planted for Hay

IMMEDIATELY --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss

--Notify County office of any changes in Direct Deposit information,

--Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, etc.

Any time --CRP Continuous Signup

--Paid measurement services from FSA

Office Hours are from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Producers are urged to call for an appointment, so the office staff can assist you timely. Due to the computer environment, some applications/processes are unable to be completed after 4:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above dates or information in this newsletter, please contact the County office for more information (307) 682-8843, ext.2.

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