



Farm Service Agency

CARBON/EMERY COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2007

Emergency Conservation Program Hauling Water for Livestock

Carbon and Emery Counties have been approved for the Emergency Conservation Program, (ECP). This program provides cost share assistance to producers during periods of severe drought to supply emergency water for livestock. **Cost sharing is only authorized in the situation where livestock water is normally available, but is not currently available due to drought conditions.**

The following practices are available:

EC6-Drought Emergency Measures

- Construction and deepening of water wells for livestock.
- Developing springs or seeps for livestock water.
- Pipelines for livestock water.

EC7-Other Emergency Measures (Hauling Water for Livestock)

- Contractor cost for hauling water to livestock/per gallon.
- Portable and permanent holding or storage tanks
- Troughs
- Personal delivery of livestock water.

The cost share rate is 50% of the actual cost for all permanent practices and 75% of the actual cost for all temporary practices not to exceed an amount to be determined by the County Committee.

The sign up period for this program will be from August 6 to August 27, 2007. Program eligibility dates are June 1 through September 28, 2007. Interested producers should contact the county office for additional information.

Grazing Management Tour & Training

Interested in seeing 10 cows per acre grazing?

Then plan to attend a Management Intensive Grazing Tour & Training August 13, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the LDS Church Farm Beef Feed Lot, 12800 W 17600 S, Elberta, UT.

Speakers will be: Merrill Oram, Manager of the LDS Feed Lot and William Merkley, Merkley Research Farm.

For more information or to participate please contact San Rafael Conservation District (435)381-2300 (ext. 113 for Roger or 101 for Mary) by August 11, 2007.

Materials and lunch will be provided. Transportation arrangements are being made.

PURCHASE 2008 NAP COVERAGE

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you have applied for coverage and paid the application fee. This program can be likened to an insurance policy.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, or prevented planting occurs as a result of natural disasters. NAP also provides coverage for crops when Crop Insurance is **not available**.

If your crop is not eligible for crop insurance, then you can purchase NAP coverage for your crops. It is \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per county, or not to exceed \$900 for a multi-county producer.

December 1, 2007 is the final day to sign up for 2008 NAP coverage.

***IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SIGNED UP,
COME INTO THE OFFICE TODAY AND AVOID
THE LAST MINUTE RUSH!!!!***

Just like filing a claim, 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.

IMPORTANT: Additionally, you will need to submit production evidence to the FSA Office for your crops, even if you did not have a loss on your covered crops. This is required to establish an APH (actual production history) for each year. This is used to calculate your production yield, and consequently will effect your NAP payment now or in the future.

Make sure to file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required. (Producers also need to notify the FSA office if you intend to graze a crop instead of harvesting it).

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2007 Compliance Activities

County Offices perform a variety of compliance reviews and spot checks to ensure the accuracy of payments and integrity of administered programs. Currently, these compliance reviews and spot checks are selected through a variety of processes.

Instead of selecting individual farms, contracts, loans, LDP's, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers for 2007 has been made using a statistical sampling method. Producers were selected based on their participation in CRP, DCP, LDP, marketing assistance loans (MAL's), and NAP.

For 2007, producers selected through the selection process will be spot checked or reviewed for:

- Compliance with all programs in which they participated or received benefits
- Accuracy of all of their FSA-578's (acreage report)

In many cases, this will mean that the same producer will be spot checked and reviewed in multiple states and counties. The reviews will take place throughout the year at times applicable for the certain program or activity.

The following is a list of programs that will be included in this review process:

Crop disaster programs, if applicable	CRP maintenance and practice checks
HELC/WC compliance	DCP
2005 Hurricane TAP	FSA-578's
LDP's / MAL's	NAP

Example: If a selected producer is participating in DCP for 2007, compliance with DCP provisions and anything associated with eligibility for DCP will be reviewed in **all** counties in which the producer is a program participant for 2007. The accuracy of the information on all FSA-578's associated with the producer will be determined by measuring the acreage (unless imagery is available) on all farms. If the producer is also participating in CRP, a field visit would be conducted to determine whether the practice is being maintained and whether unauthorized haying or grazing has occurred. If the producer later receives a farm-stored loan, the loan collateral will also be inspected.

Castle Country 2007 Economic Summit September 19-21, 2007 Event Center, Price Utah

The theme of this year's economic summit is "Spurring Development". This year's summit will begin on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and entertainment at the North Springs Recreation and Shooting Range. It will continue on Thursday and Friday with many speakers, break out sessions, and field trips to discuss economic development in Carbon and Emery Counties. Some of the Agricultural topics to be addressed include: Irrigation water management workshop, sponsored by Price River SCD, San Rafael SCD, green River SCD, NRCS, USU Extension Service, UACD Zone 7, and Castleland RC& D Councils; Pesticide Applicator Workshop, USU Extension Service and Utah department of Ag & Food (UDAF); Field of Dreams – How to Profit from small fruit and vegetable production (Dan Drost & Mark Van Wagoner); Bee a Beekeeper (Niel Shelley); Great Alternatives to feeding livestock through the winter – Randy Wiedmeier, USU Ruminant Nutritionist in the Animal, Dairy & Veterinary Science Department. Thursday September 20, there will be a dinner and entertainment at Castle Valley Ranch in Emery County. This would be a very informative and enjoyable summit for all to attend. For more information and to get registration forms please contact Castleland RC&D Council at 435-381-2300 (Wayne Urie or Mary Kava).

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