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# CROOK COUNTY FSA NEWS

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## ***LCP - LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM***

LCP compensates livestock producers who suffered **feed losses or incurred additional feed costs** directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007. Additionally, 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. ***Crook County meets the disaster declaration requirements for LCP for 2005 and 2006.***

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

Applications for this program and the following programs - LIP and CDP, will be taken by the appointment system. When you call our office to schedule an appointment we can then advise you on paperwork/documentation you will need to bring with you to complete your applications.

## ***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. The following are among the eligible livestock under LIP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, sheep, goats, swine, and poultry. The payment

rate will be 26 percent of the average fair 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. ***Crook County meets the disaster declaration requirements for LIP for 2006 only.***

### ***CDP – CROP DISASTER PROGRAM***

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.

### ***NEW PRF FORAGE POLICY AVAILABLE THROUGH CROP INSURANCE AGENTS***

Most of you are probably aware of the new forage policy offered by your crop insurance agent. This new policy covers losses on grazed and hayed forage based on a “greenness” index. Since grass hay can be covered by this policy a possible conflict can exist between this and the NAP program in regards to coverage of crop. Some producers have already purchased 2008 NAP coverage on grass hay before the announcement of this PRF policy and as a result, if they later choose to buy coverage under the PRF we are unable to refund the \$100 fee on the NAP coverage.

As of October 18, 2007: This provision has been changed. If a producer purchased 2008 NAP coverage and then later purchases PRF on the same crop, a refund of the NAP fee can be requested. If this situation applies, you may want to contact our office for further details.

### ***NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

Coverage on 2008 NAP crops is available until December 1, 2007 on the following crops: Grass hay, Grass/Alfalfa hay not insurable, Winter and Spring Wheat for hay and Honey.

### ***COC ELECTIONS***

Crook County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 1 (northern third of the county). Eligible voters will be receiving a ballot in early November. Marked ballots must be postmarked or returned to our office by December 3 2007. Ballots will be counted on December 10, 2007 at 1:00 pm.

## ***DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PROGRAM***

Final payments for year 2007 have been issued. Signup for year 2008 has not been authorized at this time. We will keep you posted when signup is announced.

### ***ATTENTION BUYERS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS***

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found you are required to place the lien holders name on the check as well as that of the Seller. Ag products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, and grain), machinery, and equipment. **Failure to place the lien holders name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer!** You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-307-777-7311 for further details.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**IMMEDIATELY...FILE notification of loss forms within 15 days of loss**

**...Notify county office of direct deposit changes**

**...Notify county office of farm record changes or management changes**

**Nov 12...Office closed – Veterans Day**

**Nov. 22...Office closed – Thanksgiving Day**

**Dec. 1...NAP Policy Deadline**

**Dec. 3...Deadline for returning Election Ballots**

**Dec.10...Ballots counted at 1:00 pm**

**ANYTIME...FILE LDP APPLICATIONS FOR WOOL/MOHAIR/UNSHORN PELTS**

**ANYTIME... FILE LDP APPLICATION FOR WHEAT,OATS, BARLEY. CALL FOR PAYMENT RATE**

**ANYTIME...Continuous CRP enrollment**

**For more information on any Farm Service Agency program, visit or call our office, or visit the FSA Homepage at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)**

Have a Nice Day, /s/ Mike Idler, CED

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