



# Barton County Farm Service Agency

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Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

County Committee meets 3rd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 P.M.

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## NAP Loss Filing For 2010 Crops

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576 (notice of loss) in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

## 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program

SURE provides benefits for 2008 through 2011 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. We are now taking SURE applications for crop year 2008. In order to qualify you must have had at least a **10% production loss** on one crop of economic significance. You must also have all crops of economic significance insured with either the Federal Crop Insurance Act or FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) excluding crops that meet the *De Minimis* exemption. If you think you had a 10% crop loss in 2008 and had the proper risk management coverage, or for more information contact our office to get the application started.

## FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL) provides low-interest financing for producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. Loan terms available are seven years, ten years or twelve years depending on the amount of the loan. The interest rate is fixed for the loan term based on the rate in effect during the month the loan is initially approved and is equivalent to the rate of interest charged on Treasury Securities of comparable term and maturity. Interest rates for May are 3.25, 3.875, and 4.125% for a 7, 10, or 12 year term loan, respectively.

Commodities eligible for farm storage facility loans include corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain. Other eligible commodities include corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain, as well as hay, pulse crops - lentils, chickpeas, dry peas, hay, renewable biomass, and fruits (includes nuts) and vegetables (cold storage facilities).

For more information, contact your local FSA office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

## Rural 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 agricultural groups. 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.

### Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- be 10 years to 20 years of age
- comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- reside in a rural area, city or town with a population of 50,000 or fewer 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 - OFFICE DAYS

The FLP staff has established a monthly office day at the Barton County FSA office on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:00 A.M. until noon.

### Loans for Beginning Farmers

FSA assists beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for not more that 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size.

Additional direct & guaranteed loan program information for beginning & non-beginning farmers, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center or by contacting the Russell FSA office at 785-483-5618. You may also visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

### Dates to Remember

Farm Loan Office Days	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 10:00 to Noon
June 1	DCP/ACRE signup deadline
August 2nd	Final date to certify spring-seeded crops, CRP, and NAP acreages.
On-going	Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
On-going	Farm Storage Facility Loans
On-going	Continuous CRP Signup

### Timely Report Spring Planted Crops

The annual, timely and accurate reporting of acres for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, marketing assistance loans and Load Deficiency Payments.

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported. A total farm acreage report is required for producers interested in a Supplemental Revenue (SURE) Assistance Program Payment, including grass acreage which the producer has an interest.

Crop reports, form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. Producers need to file their spring planted acreage reports and have all of their cropland acres accounted for by the August 2<sup>nd</sup> reporting deadline.

#### Failed Acreage:

Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

#### Barton County Loan Rates for 2010:

Wheat -\$2.75 Corn - \$2.04 Milo - \$3.33/cwt  
 Soybeans - \$4.84 Sunflowers - \$10.41/cwt