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Elko/ Eureka County News

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Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee
Steve Wines, Chair
Mark Damele, Vice Chair
Audrey Spratling, Member
Patsy Tomera, Member
Clayton Cota, Member
Vince Garcia, Advisor

County Committee usually meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Service Center

Staff
Clayre Moiola, CED
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Elko/Eureka COC elect new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The Elko/Eureka COC met on February 12, 2007 and elected new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve for 2007. Steve Wines was elected as Chairperson and Mark Damele was elected as Vice Chairperson. Congratulations to Steve and Mark. The Elko/Eureka COC welcomed new member Clayton Cota, Clayton will represent Owyhee (LAA1) for the next three years.

1099-G Mailed from Kansas City

During the last week of January, producers who have received payments from FSA should have also received a CCC-1099-G from the Kansas City office. A CCC-1099-G is a report to the Internal Revenue Service about FSA payments made to you in calendar year 2006. The CCC-1099-G is a service to help participating producers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the program participant's responsibility to report income to the IRS.

If you received a CCC-1099-G, we recommend that you check the amounts shown with those in your records to see that the amounts are correct. Refunds will no longer be reported on the 1099-G, but will be available online from the FSA Financial Inquiries (FSA-FI) web-based database. Program participants with eAuthentication user ID's and passwords can access their refund information at FSA-FI and select "Inquiry Type 1099/Refund Reports". Refund amounts are displayed on the Producer's Year-to-Date Activity web page.

If you have a question concerning the 1099-G

refund information, you may contact your local FSA office for assistance locating the correct payment data. If you choose to visit the office, bring your CCC-1099-G with you.

FSA Spot Checks

All member information (CCC-501s) and payment eligibility (CCC-502s) are subject to spot check through our end-of-year review process. If selected for a spot check, producers will be asked to submit proof of their contribution to the operation such as seed, fertilizer and chemical bills, land lease agreements, land contracts or property tax payments, equipment lists, cancelled checks for paid labor or hired management, and any other items the FSA County Committee determine are necessary.

The producer is required to provide these items for the spot check so that the FSA county committee can make a determination that the farming operation is actually being performed as was stated on the applicable CCC-501 or CCC-502 that was originally completed.

Wool & Mohair Loans or LDPs

Wool and mohair producers will find applying for commodity loans and loan deficiency payments for the wool, mohair and unshorn pelts a little simpler this year thanks to the Farm Service Agency's new CCC-633 EZ form.

The EZ form will take the place of the older CCC-633 PELT and CCC-709

PELT forms. Page one of the EZ form takes the place of the 709 PELT form and indicates the producer's intention to receive LDP benefits later on. It's important to complete EZ page one before losing beneficial interest in the commodity.

Producers should complete page one of the EZ form as soon as possible for their current crop year wool, mohair and unshorn pelts. After page one is completed, producers can request benefits at any time during the period that loans or LDPs are available, before or after losing beneficial interest.

Grain growers also use the CCC-633 EZ. Once page one is on file, grain producers can complete page two at a later date when they want to apply for an LDP.

The CCC-633 EZ simplifies requests for LDPs for wool, mohair and unshorn pelts. Page four of the revised EZ form is specifically for wool and mohair producers to request an LDP.

Conservation Compliance



All participants in USDA programs are required to have a conservation system in place on all the highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate. Several areas where problems can arise with complying with a conservation system are; renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breaking out additional cropland, planting different crops such as soybeans, and changing or removing existing conservation practices.

It is very important that you contact the FSA office before doing any of the above. Also, it is very important that you contact our office before modifying - tiling, draining, dredging, filling, or leveling - any wetland or drainage ditch. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations can result in loss of all Federal payments and eligibility.

County Committee Advisors

FSA County Committee (COC) Advisors are a valued voice for under represented groups and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

County committee members and their county executive directors, actively reach out to producer groups who are under represented on county committees. The COC shall have submitted the name of their nominee to the State Committee for confirmation, no later than February 1 of each year.

Eligibility requirements for COC advisor nominee include:

- be actively participating in farming or ranching in the county or area
- be willing and able to serve as an advisor, if appointed
- indicate in writing a willingness and ability to serve

County committee advisors serve for

- for a 12-month period not to exceed 9 consecutive years beginning March 1 each year

Duties and Responsibilities of COC Advisors include:

- attending each COC meeting, including executive sessions
- participating in all deliberations
- increasing awareness of and participation in FSA activities, including elections, by eligible voters to ensure that socially disadvantaged group problems and viewpoints are understood and considered in FSA actions
- helping to develop interest and incentives in socially disadvantaged group members for considering FSA work as a career
- actively soliciting candidates from socially disadvantaged groups for nomination during the election process
- able to perform special duties at COC's request

Note: Advisors do not have authority to sign documents.

Direct and Guaranteed Loans Available

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their

farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are available now.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Loan funds are available now — applying early is important so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

Most of our loan programs have special funding available for minority, female and beginning farmers.



FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

Online Services

If you are among the growing number of producers have access to the Internet at home, you might be interested in USDA's online services that are available to you. Here's a quick run down of available services.

- The USDA Customer Statement. This provides the producer online access 24/7 to the farm's USDA business transactions in a single report accessed with one login and password. It includes participation, application and payment status in various commodity and conservation programs, farm loans, maps, and land unit information.
- eLDP is the Farm Service Agency's electronic Loan Deficiency Payment Service. This allows producers to request LDPs online and, in most cases, receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours.
- eDCP is the FSA's electronic Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program. This allows producers to enroll in DCP online, choose DCP payment options, assign crop

shares, and sign and submit contracts, view and print them out at any time.

- My USDA is an online portal the producer can create. It can be customized so that the news, reports, links, and USDA business data most important to the producer will immediately be viewable.

Stop by the county office for assistance in obtaining a USDA eAuthentication Service Level 2 Customer Account. This provides a single user ID and password that grants access to the Customer Statement, and many other USDA e-Services, including submitting forms online through USDA e-File, such as eLDP and eDCP.

AGR Lite Meeting

Risk Management Agency (RMA) will be hosting a meeting on March 6th for RMA's new Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) Lite Policy. It will be held at Sturegeon's in Lovelock, Nevada. For more information you may access RMA's website, at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/>

Selected Interest Rates for February 2007	
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	5.0%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.125%
Limited Resource Loans	5.0%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4.0%
Emergency Loans	3.75 %
Farm Storage Facility Loans	4.625%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	5.0%

Information on Mormon Crickets

Nevada Department of Agriculture asks that you call them as soon as anyone sees a problem (generally, when the crickets are 1 to 2 miles from a ranch or farm). Early notice is the key. They expect crickets to begin emerging in late March. The ground will look like it's covered with fleas. Call: Jeff Knight 775-688-1182, ext. 245, Martin Larraneta, 775-623-6502 or Steve Marty, 775-688-1182 ext. 278



Dates to Remember	
Feb 19	Office closed for President Day
Jun 15	Last day to complete 2007 Acreage reports for grain crops
July 15	Last day to complete 2007 Acreage Reports for all other crops
July 15	Last day to report 2006 Hay Production records. (Calendars)
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
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