

February 2007

Daniels County FSA

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Dates to Remember:

March 15 – NAP sales closing date for all crops except value loss and honey

March 15 – Crop insurance sales closing date for 2007 spring-seeded crops

March 31 – Final loan/LDP availability date for various crops harvested in 2006

March 31 – Deadline to request 2006 GRAZE-OUT payments

April 1 – Deadline for payment limitation changes

May 15-July 15 – Primary Nesting Season under the **old** CRP hay/graze provisions

May 15-August 1 – Primary Nesting Season under the **new** CRP hay/graze provisions

September 25-27 – Tribal Outreach Forum, Bozeman

October 2-3 – Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium, Dillon

2007 Map Packets are ready to be picked up



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Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)

The Application Closing Date is March 15, 2007

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of **Noninsurable crops** when low yields occur as a result of natural disaster. Eligible crops are those commercially produced for food, livestock consumption, and some specialty crops. Eligible producers must pay an administrative service fee of \$100 per crop per administrative county or \$300 per producer per county, not to exceed \$900 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. Service fees may be waived for limited-resource producers. Payment of a service fee does not guarantee coverage, all eligibility requirements must be met.

The following crops are covered under NAP in this County:

Barley, Oats, Rye, Wheat-spring/forage and grazing

Camelina/seed

Clovers/forage

Crambe/seed

Corn

Speltz, Triticale /grain, forage, and grazing

Millet/forage, grain, grazing

Tame and Mixed Grasses-various types/forage

Honey-Deadline to purchase coverage was Dec. 1, 2006

****Please note that lentils are insured under dry peas with FCIC.**

NAP PULL OFF DEADLINE

Each County Committee determines the date when livestock must be removed from NAP forage acres that are expected to be used for normal mechanical harvest. The date determined for Daniels County is **May 1, 2007**.

Wool and Mohair Producers need to file

CCC-633 EZ The 2007 crop year for wool, mohair and unshorn pelts began January 1, 2007 and ends December 31, 2007. Wool, mohair, and unshorn pelt producers need to file a CCC-633 EZ form at the FSA Office. Filing this form is for producers to:

- Indicate their intentions to receive Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) benefits (on page 1 of the CCC-633 EZ) before the loss of beneficial interest; or
- Submit an LDP request (on page 2 of the CCC-633 EZ) for benefits at any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest.

Farm Loan Year End Reviews

Producers that have a farm loan with FSA are reminded they must provide data for their Year-End Analysis (YEA) to their loan officer each year. Borrowers are urged to provide this information timely so their files can be maintained. The office will contact you for the data needed for review.

TREES....
Call to place your orders now!



The Daniels County Conservation District is now taking orders for trees. Various sizes and varieties are available. Contact Stan at 406-487-5366 ext. 3 for an order form.

New Face in the Office

Molly Crohn recently joined our staff. She will be working in the Compliance and GIS programs. She was born and raised in Alaska and presently lives in Outlook. Molly worked in the Sheridan County FSA Office prior to joining us. Please join us in welcoming Molly the next time you are in the office.

2007 Commodity Loan Rates

CROP	LOAN RATE
Barley	\$1.61 bushel
Oats	\$1.25 bushel
Wht Durum	\$2.81 bushel
Spring	\$2.42 bushel
Winter	\$2.52 bushel
Canola	\$9.00 cwt
Flax	\$8.94 cwt
Mustard	\$9.14 cwt
Safflower	\$7.32 cwt
Sunflower	\$8.75 cwt
Crambe	\$8.87 cwt
Rapeseed	\$9.23 cwt
Dry Peas	not rec'd
Chic Peas	not rec'd
Lentils	not rec'd
Soybeans	not rec'd

If you have not signed the CCC 633-EZ for any 2007 crop year LDP's that may become available, please do so. March 31 is the final loan/LDP availability date for 2006 Barley, Canola, Flaxseed, Oats, Rapeseed, Crambe and Wheat. For the 2006 crop commodities listed above, production evidence for LDP's on commodities hauled directly to buyer or fed, and overrun requests are subject to the March 31 deadline. Coarse grain deadline is May 31.

Remember, hulless oats and hulless barley are not available for LDP's or loans!

County Committee Election Final

Rick Marriage was re-elected to the County Committee from Local Administrative Area #1. Write in votes were also counted for Lee Cook and Mark Furuli. The County Committee's organizational meeting was February 8th electing Ron Fladager – Chairman, Alan Danelson – Vice Chairman, Rick Marriage – Regular Member, and re-appointing Monica Haaland – Minority Advisor.

GRAZE-OUT APPLICATION**Deadline is March 31**

The 2002 Farm Bill provided GRAZE-OUT payments instead of loan deficiency payments (LDPs) for 2002 through 2007 crop years to eligible producers who:

- Elect to use acreage planted to wheat, barley, oats, or triticale, for the grazing by livestock, and;
- Agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on this acreage during the applicable crop year.

The application period for GRAZE-OUT begins the first day of mechanical harvest as determined by the local County Committee and ends on March 31 of the calendar year following the year the crop is normally harvested.

Prevented Planting Crop Reports

The Montana State FSA Committee (STC) has determined that a producer not planting because of drought conditions is making a management decision and was not prevented from getting into the field and planting the crop. The STC determined that drought is not an eligible cause of prevented planting.

LAND FOR SALE???**CRP Contract Ownership Changes**

It is imperative to *remember* that all landowners and shareholders on CRP contracts are severally and jointly liable for the contracts until another party succeeds to the contract interests. If that does not occur in the transaction of the sale, all monies received from the contract plus liquidated damages and interest will be claimed against one or all persons on the contract. Call if you have questions before executing a buy-sell!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The signature preference for producers involved in any type of entity should include the entity name, by, and title which authorizes the person to sign for the entity. The documentation needs to be on file in our office. Examples: XYZ Trust by Mary Jones Trustee or ABC Farming Inc., by Tom Smith, Pres., or Olson Partnership by John Olson Partner. If you have questions, please call. Thanks!!

DCP Sign Up is underway

Call the office and make an appointment to complete your contracts. If you have "*any type of operation change*" please notify us as soon as possible. The advance is now reduced to 22%.

Deadline is June 1st to sign up or pay a \$100 late filing fee.

2007 advance direct payment rates are as follows:

Crop	Advance Payment Rate
Wheat (bu.)	\$0.1144
Oats (bu.)	\$0.00528
Soybeans (bu.)	\$0.0968
Flax (bu.)	\$0.09856
Other Oilseeds (lbs.)	\$0.00176
Corn (bu.)	\$0.0616
Grain Sorghum (bu.)	\$0.077
Barley (bu.)	\$0.0528

MAPPING UPDATE

We are presently working on correcting the field boundaries, labeling, and printing the new digital farm maps. As soon as this project is finished, we will send all owners and operators a copy of the new digital farm maps. At this time you will have 30 days to review the new maps. During this 30 day review period, you must notify us of incorrect line placement that you feel needs to be corrected.

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Official Business

Important Dates to Remember

- March 8** ----- Regular COC Meeting 9AM
- March 15** ----- NAP 2007 sales closing date.
- March 18-24** ----- National Ag Week
- March 31** ----- Final loan/LDP availability date for various crops harvested in 2006 and Graze Out
- April 1**----- Deadline for payment limitation changes
- April 12** ----- Regular COC Meeting 9AM
- May 1** ----- NAP pull-off date
- May 31** ----- Final loan/LDP availability date for coarse grains.
- June 1** ----- DCP Sign up Deadline or a \$100 late file fee

2007 Farm Map Packets have been completed and are ready to be picked up at the FSA Office.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in FSA programs should contact Myron E. Benson at the Daniels County FSA Office, 131B Hwy 5 East, PO Box 127, or telephone (406) 487-5366 Ext. 102 or e-mail at myron.benson@mt.usda.gov