



# Farm Service Agency

MILLARD COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2007

## Emergency Conservation Program Hauling Water for Livestock

Millard County has 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 13 to Sept. 11, 2007.** Program eligibility dates are Aug 3 through November 30, 2007. Interested producers should contact the county office for additional information.

## 2007 Fire Recovery Initiative

The 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Utah Fire Recovery Initiative has \$100,000 available immediately for Utah wildfire recovery. Additional funds have been requested. The focus of this initiative is privately-owned and Tribal grazing lands that have burned as a result of the 2007 wildfires. **Applications for program benefits must be made by NOON on AUG. 14<sup>TH</sup>.** Contact Lars Rasmussen, NRCS in Fillmore @ 435-743-6655, Ext. 111. All applications must meet eligibility requirements.

## 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.

## Farm Service Agency County Committee Elections

**November 2 – December 3, 2007**

Are you a farmer, rancher, or other agricultural producer? Do you plan to vote in the upcoming FSA County Committee elections? If you are on the mailing list for this newsletter, the chances are you are an eligible voter. Contact the County Office if you have questions about voter eligibility by October 1, 2007.

- 🌾 *Eligible voters will receive their ballots by mail*
- 🌾 *Please vote for only one candidate of your choice*
- 🌾 *Don't forget to sign your name on the back of your ballot*

The County Committee Member representing Local Administrative Area 1 (Oak City, Leamington, Lynndyl, Delta, Southerland) is up for election. Those in voting area 1 will vote for one of the candidates who were nominated. Those nominated are Scott Anderson, Daniel Anderson, and Joyce Vincent.

### COUNTY INFORMATION

<b>Address:</b> 65 West 100 North Fillmore, UT 84631	<b>Phone Number:</b> 435-743-5173, <b>Fax Number:</b> 435-743-5117	<b>Staff:</b> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Cornell Atkinson,</td> <td>CED</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eric Jenson</td> <td>FLO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jeanene Owens</td> <td>FLM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Geraldine Minton</td> <td>PT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lynette Bond</td> <td>PT</td> </tr> </table>	Cornell Atkinson,	CED	Eric Jenson	FLO	Jeanene Owens	FLM	Geraldine Minton	PT	Lynette Bond	PT	<b>Office Hours:</b> Monday – Friday 7:00 am-4:30 pm
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