

# Farm Service Agency

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## FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE

The deadline to sign-up for Multi-peril (MPCI) or Federal Crop Insurance for perennial crops is September 30. This deadline applies to perennial crops of Alfalfa, Alfalfa Grass Mix, and Grass Mixed Alfalfa.

## DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)



Sign-up for crop year 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) began October 1, 2006. We encourage producers to enroll their farms in the DCP program as soon as possible, the deadline for 2007 DCP contracts have been extended from June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. A late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007, and before September 28, 2007. Applications signed after September 28, 2007 cannot be approved.

## FORT WASHAKIE OFFICE DAYS

You don't have to come to us, we'll come to you. The FSA program and loan staff is now offering business hours in Ft. Washakie. Appointments are encouraged, so that we can provide necessary forms and/or staff, but you are also welcome to just stop by and we will try to answer any of your questions. Office days will usually be held the first Wednesday of every month, from 1pm to 3pm, at the NRCS trailer next to the WIC building. Our next office day is **October 4<sup>th</sup>**; we look forward to seeing you!

## CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)



CDP will provide benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses in 2006 crops from drought disasters. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in 2006. **Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the 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.

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Popo Agie Conservation District is please to announce that Fremont County has been awarded \$10,000 for the collection and disposal of cancelled or outdated pesticides in Fremont County. The collection, packaging, and disposal of unlabeled, cancelled, or outdated herbicides and pesticides can be very expensive. This grant provides the opportunity for urban and rural folds to remove those chemicals from your household, farm, or ranch for free. For more information please contact Popo Agie Conservation District at 332-3114, or to schedule a pickup please contact Lars Baker at Fremont County Weed and Pest at 332-1052.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



FSA has an opening for a Farm Loan Program Technician. All interested persons may apply. You need not be a current or former Federal employee to apply. You must be a US citizen and are required to pass a background investigation and fingerprint check.

**Duties:** include performing a variety of technical and program support duties to assist in administering all FSA agricultural programs (i.e., FSA Farm Loan, Commodity, and Administrative programs) at the field office level. Duties will also include a variety of office management functions. This position requires typing skills to perform word processing and other office automation duties.

**Benefits:** Permanent employees are eligible to elect life and health insurance coverage and will be covered by Retirement System. Employees will earn annual and sick leave.

For additional information or to apply, please contact us or visit <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov>.

# 2006 DROUGHT PROGRAMS

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# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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## LOOK INSIDE!

### LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)



LCP provides benefits to livestock and catfish producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from the drought.

To be eligible under LCP, livestock must: be dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer that; have been physically located in Fremont county on January 1, 2006; have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on January 1, 2006; not have been produced and maintained for reasons other than commercial use as a part of a farming operation. Such excluded uses include, but are not limited to, wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping or for show.

To be eligible for LCP, producers must have: either owned or cash-leased eligible livestock (but not both for the same livestock) on January 1, 2006; suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or incurred additional feed costs as a result the drought and the feed lost or additional incurred feed costs were intended for use with eligible livestock.

### ! IMPORTANT DATES!!

Sept 10	Livestock Compensation Opened
Sept 28	DCP Deadline For Late Filing
Oct 1	Beginning of 2008 FY
Oct 1	EQIP Application Deadline
Oct 4	Ft. Washakie Office Day
Oct 8	Columbus Day - Office Closed
Oct 15	Crop Disaster Opens
Nov 2	Elections Will Be Mailed

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### NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

**Do not forget to file your Notice of Loss; it has to be filed within 15 days of loss being apparent and no later than 15 calendar days after the normal harvest date.**

We will begin selling 2008 NAP policies for perennial crops in October. December 1, 2007 is the deadline for 2008 perennial crop policies.

LCP benefits may not exceed the smaller of the calculated payment rate or the value of the feed loss as determined by FSA. Producers may receive no more than \$80,000 under LCP. An individual or entity whose average adjusted gross income exceeds \$2.5 million for the three years immediately preceding the calendar year, for which benefits are requested, is ineligible for LCP benefits unless 75 percent or more of their income is from agriculture.

Livestock producers applying for LCP must submit the following: a completed application; adequate proof, as determined by FSA, that the feed loss or incurred additional feed costs were for the claimed eligible livestock, occurred as a direct result of the drought in 2006, other supporting documentation necessary to determine the applicant's eligibility. Supporting documents may include, but are not limited to, verifiable purchase records, veterinarian records, bank or other loan papers, rendering truck receipts, Federal Emergency Management Agency records, National Guard records, written contracts, production records, Internal Revenue Service records, property tax records, private insurance documents, sales records, and similar documents, and the application must be filed during the application period.