



Goshen County FSA Newsletter November 2007

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Emergency Haying/Grazing of CRP

2 reminders concerning 2007 Emergency Haying & Grazing of CRP:

1. Grazing must end the sooner of when the grazing plan calls for, or **November 10, 2007**.
2. Haying must have been completed by **October 7, 2007** and all hay must be removed by **November 6, 2007**.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

NAP Reminder

Concerning Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policies, in the event of a crop failure caused by natural disaster, the producer needs to notify the local FSA office by completing a "Notice of Loss" (form CCC-576). The notice of loss must be executed within 15 days of the date the damage became apparent. Failure to timely report the loss could result in loss of benefits.

Applications for 2008 NAP coverage on perennial crops and fall seeded crops must be made by December 1, 2007.

Commodity Loan Reminder

We remind those producers with 2007 harvested price supports crops (wheat, corn, sunflowers, small grains) of the availability of commodity loans. If interested, please contact this office for more information.

2007 County Committee Election Information

This year's election in Goshen County covers LAA 1, the north part of the county. We have 3 candidates running for this position:

- Linda Nichol
- Edward Petersen
- Harold Thomas

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters around November 2. Instructions for voting will be included. December 3 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office. Please take some time to vote and select your representative on the County Committee.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan.1, 2008.

LASSETER REMINDS FARMERS OF CROP DISASTER PROGRAM SIGN-UP

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Teresa Lasseter announced that eligible farmers who suffered quantity losses to their crops in recent years can enroll in the Crop Disaster Program 2005-2007 (CDP) at local FSA service centers. FSA will announce and conduct sign-up for quantity losses under CDP as soon as possible.

"Certain crop producers suffered major financial losses as the result of floods, tornados and other natural disasters during the last couple of years," said Lasseter. "This program will help many American farmers to maintain viable businesses so consumers at home and abroad have the food and fiber they need to survive."

Subject to final rules for the program, CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered losses to the 2005-2007 crops from natural disasters and related conditions so long as the actual crop lost was planted or prevented from being planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to receive benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (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. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price. Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of the total value of the crop absent the disaster.

FSA offices may accept information from producers about quantity losses when producers submit applications for quantity losses. However, FSA will only consider quality loss applications complete after FSA announces the quality loss sign-up date and all other information necessary to determine eligibility is received by FSA. Also, FSA will not consider applications completed for any loss, including quantity losses, until a final rule has been issued for this program.

The U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, signed into law on May 25, 2007, by President Bush, authorizes CDP.

Signup for the CDP has begun; no deadline for signup has been set. For more information about CDP and other disaster programs implemented by FSA, visit: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>, or call this office at (307) 532-4021 ext. 2.

Farm Loan Program Producers Need to Prepare for Analysis

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin conducting analysis for the 2008 farm year beginning December 2007.

It will be necessary for everybody to have their actuals completed and reconciled to the amount in your checkbook. The plans for 2008 need to be completed to project the best plan possible so that all alternatives have been reviewed before you come into the office. If the best plan can be presented it will save you time and allow FSA to process your services in a timely manner.

Farm Loan Manager, Duane Wisroth and Farm Loan Officer, Doris Hyatt will be completing the analysis this year. It is very important for the analysis to be completed timely. Please have all of the information available according to your analysis appointment letter. If you have any questions please call 532-4021. Duane is at Ext. 107 or Doris at Ext. 116.

USDA ANNOUNCES SIGN-UP FOR NEW LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced sign-up for the new Livestock Compensation Program and Livestock Indemnity Program. The ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disaster occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits. Due to Secretarial designations, Goshen County livestock producers may be eligible for LCP losses in 2006.

LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. Producers incurring eligible livestock losses in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits. Due to Secretarial designations, Goshen County livestock producers may be eligible for LIP losses in 2006.

On May 25, 2007, President George W. Bush signed into law the "U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007" (2007 Act). The 2007 Act authorizes LCP, LIP and CDP. It also authorizes funding for the Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program (EFCRP), Emergency Conservation Program and Dairy Disaster Assistance Program III (DDAP-III). USDA recently announced sign-up for EFCRP and the distribution of funds to 18 states under ECP. USDA will announce and conduct sign-up for DDAP-III as soon as possible. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is charged with administering the programs.

More information about LCP and LIP is available in a fact sheet titled, Agricultural Assistance Act of 2007, found on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Disaster Assistance Programs. USDA is developing individual fact sheets about these programs that will be posted online. FSA news releases and media advisories are available on FSA's Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> via the "News and Events" link. For additional information, contact this office at (307) 532-4021 ext. 2.

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Dates to Remember	
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Continuous	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Nov. 10, 2007	Final date to graze CRP under Emergency provisions
Dec. 1, 2007	Final date to apply for 2008 NAP coverage on perennials and fall-seeded crops
Dec. 3, 2007	Final date to return or postmark County Committee Election Ballots

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