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Kingman County News



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RECORD CHANGES

Owner/Operator changes for newly purchased land, land sales, deceased individuals, or if you ARE renting different land, make sure to report the changes to the FSA Office within 30 days from the occurrence. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in could lead to possible ineligibility for USDA benefits. Contracts enrolled for deceased producers will be terminated and all parties will be ineligible.



LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

The 2005-2007 LCP benefits livestock producers who can document a loss of stored feed, or an increase in feed cost directly associated from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007.

Livestock producers incurring losses in more than 1 year may only receive assistance for one year. Eligible livestock must have been owned on the start date of the disaster designation and physically located in the disaster county.

Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, equine, goats, poultry, sheep, and swine that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes.

Pasture locations, stocking rates, supplemental feeding costs, etc, must be provided. An eligible livestock value will be compared with a feed loss value, to determine the LCP payments.

Documented evidence must be provided with application to prove the feed loss or any additional feed costs occurring as a direct result of an eligible disaster event.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

The LIP provides monetary assistance to eligible livestock owners and contract growers, for livestock deaths that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, in eligible disaster designated counties as a result of an eligible disaster event. Those incurring losses in more than 1 year may receive assistance for only one year.

Eligible owners must have owned the livestock on the day they died in an eligible county as a direct result of the disaster event. The livestock must have died no later than 60 days from the disaster event ending date, but before February 28, 2007. Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, catfish, chickens, crawfish, deer, ducks, equine, geese, goats, reindeer, sheep, swine, and turkeys that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes. Eligible livestock for contract growers includes poultry and swine.

Documentation must be provided to prove kind, type, weight and number of livestock that died, and evidence that supports date, location and cause of death. Without documentation, the application cannot be approved.



2005-2006-2007 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

ELIGIBILITY

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 may be paid for only one year of benefits. For 2007, crops must have been planted or prevented from being planted before February 28, 2007. You may apply for losses on multiple crops and multiple years but only one crop year will be paid.

Eligible crops must have sustained a loss in excess of 35% of the expected production of a crop to qualify for a quantity loss.

Eligible producers are those who obtained crop insurance or coverage under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss. Crop insurance includes multi-peril, revenue, group and catastrophic (CAT) policies. Policies for hail insurance only, do not meet this requirement.

Participants must also have been in compliance with Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation provisions for the applicable year.

SIGN-UP PERIOD

Sign-up began October 15, 2007 for QUANTITY losses only. An ending date has not been established. A sign-up for QUALITY losses under CDP will be announced at a later date.

HOW TO APPLY

We have mailed applications to all producers who had insured losses paid for the 2007 crop year where the information was provided to us by crop insurance. If you had a 2007 crop loss and we did not send you an application, or you did not get an application on all your losses for 2007, or you want to apply for losses in 2005 or 2006 please stop by our office to complete your paperwork. Applications are by TAX ID number.

Operators: please specify all owners you will be handling.

Please note: Payments cannot be deferred until 2008. We must approve the applications and pay as soon as we can, after you file.

PAYMENT LIMITATION

The maximum CDP benefits a person may receive is \$80,000. The most restrictive "person" determination covering 2005, 2006 or 2007 will be used. Producers eligible for CDP can also receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program.

YIELDS

The higher of either the county average yield, or the APH yield for insured crops or NAP yield will be used for the CDP application. Applications are completed by unit according to the downloaded insurance records.

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CALCULATING PAYMENTS

FSA calculates CDP payments by multiplying the payment rate established for the crop times 42 percent payment level times the loss of production.

A units' total assistance¹ may not exceed 95% of what the value of the crop would have been in the absence of a loss. If this occurs, the disaster payment will be reduced by the amount over the 95% value ¹(Total assistance = Disaster Payment + Net Insurance Indemnity Payment + Value of the harvested production)

FINAL 2007 DIRECT PAYMENTS

We have processed and mailed the "Final" Direct Payments under the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP). These were processed on October 10. If an advance payment was requested at signup you received 22% of the payment rate, the remaining 78% has now been paid. Because of higher crop prices during the marketing year for 2006 crops, USDA determined that no counter-cyclical payments would be made for 2006-crop wheat, oats, barley, corn, milo and soybeans.

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INSURANCE RECORDS

We receive reports from RMA for 2005, 2006, and 2007 that reflect producers who purchased insurance on an insurable crop for Kingman County. This report will normally provide the necessary information to complete the CDP application.

In situations where the production is not available on the RMA download the participant will be responsible for:

- o providing production records (ie: elevator delivery or settlement sheets);
- o summarizing all the producer evidence;
- o accounting for the total amount of unit production;
- o and providing information in a manner that is easily understood.

PAYMENT RATE

Payment rates will be 42 percent of the maximum established RMA price for insured crops or 42 percent of the state average price for NAP covered crops.

DETERMINING PRODUCTION

FSA includes all harvested, non-harvested appraised and assigned production for the total planted acreage of the crop unit to determine production under CDP.

If a crop is appraised and subsequently harvested as the intended use, FSA will take into account the actual harvested production to determine benefits. FSA will determine whether the evidence of actual production represents all that could or would have been harvested.

Dates to Remember	
Sept 10	LIP/LCP Signup began
Oct 15	CDP Signup began
Nov 12	Office Closed
Nov 22	Office Closed
Dec 3	Committee Election Deadline
Dec 25	Office Closed
Jan 1	Office Closed
Continues	Rural Youth Loans for 10-20 Year Olds
Continues	Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans for Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Applicants
Continues	Direct and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Continues	MILCX Program

WEBSITES

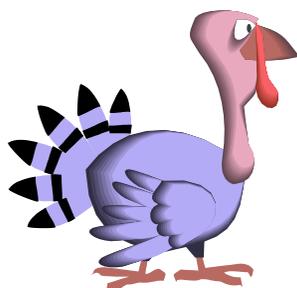
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COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Ballots will be mailed to voters in LAA-2 (Hoosier, White, Ninnescah, Belmont, Richland, Chikaskia and Valley townships) in early November. **Please take the time to vote and return your ballot.** Ballots must be returned to FSA or postmarked no later than December 3rd.

Voting by PROXY (or with Power-of-Attorney) is prohibited. Remember to sign the ballot. Unsigned ballots are invalid and are not tabulated.

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At Grandma's House

I like the taste of turkey
 Any time throughout the year
 But it never seems to taste as good
 As when Thanksgiving's here.

Could be it's all the trimmings
 That are cooked with it to eat-
 But I think it's eating at Grandma's house
 That makes it such a treat!