



Farm Service Agency

Cache County News

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Loan Deficiency Payments Available

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) on commodities are made when the Posted County Price for the commodity falls below the loan rate. Payment rates change daily according to what the market is doing. Payment rates for August 31, 2006 were--

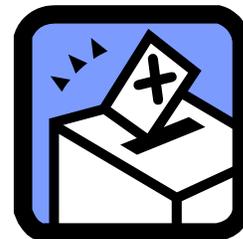
HRS Wheat	-----
HRW Wheat	-----
SW Wheat	-----
Barley	.01/bu
Oats	-----
Corn	-----
Grain Sorgh	-----
Soybeans	.09/bu
Wool	.22/lb

As harvest progresses producers need to check with our office for the daily LDP rate. LDP rates can also be checked on the internet at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

If you will be selling your commodity directly from the field, make sure that you have signed a CCC-633EZ before harvest begins or you will be ineligible for an LDP. If you are going to store the commodity, you can request to take your LDP anytime after harvest.

County Committee Election

Just a reminder to watch your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot. Early in November ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in Local Administrative Area 1 which includes Clarkston, Trenton, Cornish, Amalga, Newton, Mendon and Benson areas. If you don't receive a ballot please notify the county office. Completed and signed ballots are due back in the county office by the close of business on December 4, 2006



Newly elected county committee members take office on January 1, 2007.

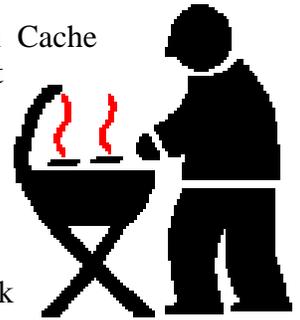


Grill Your Conservation District Day

The public is invited to "Grill Your Conservation District Day." Cache Valley's two conservation districts will grill burgers, and residents are invited to grill supervisors on conservation issues from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the USDA Service Center, 1860 N. 100 East, North Logan. The open house is free and everyone is invited.

Come enjoy a burger and stay to share information. The Blacksmith Fork and North Cache conservation district boards want to hear what is important to Cache Valley residents about conserving natural resources. They'll also share information about:

- Local conservation programs and activities;
- The districts' annual Bare-root Tree & Shrub Sale;
- Wildlife conservation opportunities and more.



The information gathered at the open house will help the North Cache and Blacksmith Fork conservation district boards set priorities for natural resource conservation programs in the coming years.

NAP Deadline Approaching

The NAP (Non Insured Assistance Program) 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, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs as a result of natural disasters. NAP also provides coverage for crops for which the catastrophic level of 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, 2006 is the final day to sign up perennial crops for 2007 NAP coverage.**

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. Producers also need to notify our office if you intend to graze a crop instead of harvest it.

IMPORTANT: Additionally, you will need to submit production evidence to the FSA Office for your crop, 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 affect your NAP payment. Failure to report production will result in a yield that is 75% of the approved yield set by the County Committee.

Make sure to timely 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.

Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the FSA office and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

Spousal Signatures

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse.

There are important exceptions to the rule, some of which are claim settlements, power of attorney forms, and signatory authority for an entity.

Reporting Farm Information

It is the producer's responsibility to report their farm operation completely and accurately.

Nobody needs reminded that farming and ranching in today's modern marketplace has become a complicated business. Gone are the days when most of us could sell cattle over a handshake and marketing grain meant delivering it to the local elevator. In today's complex business world, new importance has been placed on ensuring that all aspects of farming and ranching are covered with detailed and legally binding contracts. Government paperwork is no different. In fact, as FSA implements the programs authorized by the Farm Bill, we have grown to realize that it is extremely important that all FSA farm records accurately represent how your operation is being conducted.



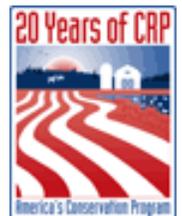
For example, producers have now found themselves in hot water because the FSA paperwork reflected their operation as a partnership when the state's tax records indicated that they had formed a corporation. Others have been penalized because the operating name on the FSA records was different than the name the producers used in doing business with suppliers or processors. While the local tractor dealer may know that John Farm really means John and Jane Farmer or that the Lazy R is another name for Stan Rancher's operation, government computers cannot make the connection.

Please take the time to review the forms on file in your FSA County Office. Your payment limitation forms should provide an accurate picture of your operation. The same shares should carry through on the DCP contracts, crop reporting shares, etc. In addition, it's just as important that all your commodity contracts, accounts with businesses that provide receipts for FSA documentation, etc., are in the same name of the entity as represented by our farm records. The county office staff is available to answer any questions you may have on this important issue.

Dates to Remember	
September 27	Grill Your Conservation District Day
September 30	Final deadline to sign DCP contract
October 4	COC Meeting
October 9	Columbus Day Holiday
November 1	COC Meeting
November 3	County Committee Election Ballots Mailed
December 1	Deadline to purchase NAP coverage

America's Conservation Program Turns Twenty

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has 20 years of impressive achievements. Our nation's farmers and ranchers earn the credit for CRP's phenomenal success. Our county office recently completed on-site inspections of CRP contracts that were scheduled to expire between 2007 and 2010. Appreciation needs to be expressed to the stewards of these CRP acres and how they've been managed over the past 20 years. Recognition will be given to our Cache County Outstanding CRP Participants with awards to be presented at the "Grill Your Conservation District Day" on September 27th.





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Bruce's Comments

This has been a busy summer for the Cache County FSA Office. We appreciate all the farmers and ranchers in this county and want to thank you for all the good that you provide for all citizens. We are blessed with a safe and abundant food supply, clean water, peace and freedom. One job in the agriculture sector generates two additional jobs in Cache County. Agriculture is by far the highest industry employment multiplier of all Cache County Industries. We need agriculture producers in this county and in America to be successful in providing food and fiber. The FSA office staff will do all we can to help you succeed.



We want to make sure that all your questions about farm programs are answered to your satisfaction. The staff and I here at the FSA office want to inform you and help you participate.

For information from your computer on current FSA programs go to this web page, www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/default.asp For answers to your questions, please call me at (435) 753-5480 Ext. 17 or contact me by email at bruce.lundquist@ut.usda.gov

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