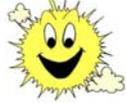




Farm Service Agency

Sanpete County Office
MAY - JUNE 2007



CROP REPORTS AND PLANTING DATES

All participating farms must file a crop report to be eligible for program benefits. This includes payments under DCP, NAP, CRP, LDP, and disaster programs.

THIS APPLIES TO ANYONE WHO RECEIVES A PAYMENT OUT OF THIS OFFICE!!

The deadline to report acreage is June 30th, 2007. Reports filed after that date will be required to pay a **\$46 late fee per farm.**

Also keep track of your planting dates. We will ask you for these dates when you file your crop report. Those dates are helpful to you in the event of a disaster program. Planting dates are also required for producers enrolled in NAP and crop insurance.

Please call for an appointment so we can have your files ready.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

County Committee positions that will be up for election this year is the Ephraim, Manti, and Sterling areas. If you farm or ranch in these area and are interested in serving on the County Committee, or know someone you would like to recommend, please contact our office. Interested persons need to file a FSA-669A "Nomination Form for County FSA Committee Election" with our office. This form can be obtained at the local FSA office or online. All nominations must be turned in by August 1, 2007.

DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM

It's time once again to sign-up for the DCP program! You can begin enrolling your farm in 2007 DCP.

This commodity based program *is not* a continuous program. Contracts for the DCP program must be updated each year. Deadline to enroll without a late payment fee is August 1, 2007.



The last day to sign your 2007 DCP contract is September 28, 2007, but you will be required to pay the \$100 late-file fee if you enroll between August 4th

FARM LOAN ASSISTANCE

Need temporary credit? Maybe we can help. FSA makes and guarantees loans to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit.

These may be beginning farmers who can't qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have a lack of cash flow to meet bank standards.

Everyone needs financial help sometime. Perhaps FSA can help you with our loan programs and services to meet your farming needs.

Please call our office for more information.

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Dates to Remember

**May 28 – Memorial Day
Office Closed**

**June 15 – COC election
nominations begin**

**June 30 – Crop Reporting
Deadline**

**July 4 – Independence
Day – Office Closed**

Crop Reports
Due NOW !!!

FARM RECORD ELIGIBILITY

Accurate records of your farming operation are necessary to properly administer FSA programs. Our office is currently conducting in-depth reviews of documents used to support producer eligibility. The review is the agency's effort to ensure the accuracy of all payments made to producers. This process pays great attention to detail, takes time, and must be completed before any 2007 crop-year program payments can be made. You may need to complete new forms and provide additional supplemental documentation. If you have bought new land, sold land, or leased new land, etc. Please report the changes to our office. Failure to maintain accurate farm records with FSA could result in program ineligibility.

CONSERVATION APPLICATIONS

Signed up for 2008 conservation programs are now available for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) and the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). To be considered during the upcoming ranking period, Producers must submit their applications on or before June 1, 2007. For more information call NRCS Office

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Don't forget to sign CCC-633 EZ this is a combination of the original CCC-633 and the old, now obsolete, CCC-709.

By signing the first page of the EZ form, producers indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits. Once the form has been signed, producers can submit an LDP request for payment at any time during the loan availability period-before or after losing beneficial interest. One thing that hasn't changed is the requirement that a producers request an LDP before beneficial interest in an eligible commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained.

LDP's have been available on Wool during the past month. Please call our office or check the web for current LDP rates. <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd>

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PRODUCERS WITH NAP COVERAGE

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.

ADDITIONALLY, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT PRODUCTION EVIDENCE, EVEN IF YOU DID NOT HAVE A LOSS, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN ACTUAL PRODUCTION HISTORY (APH) FOR EACH YEAR. THIS IS USED TO CALCULATE YOUR PRODUCTION YIELD; AND CONSEQUENTLY, WILL AFFECT YOUR NAP PAYMENT. **JULY 2, 2007 IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT 2006 CROP YEAR PRODUCTION RECORDS.**

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