



FARM SERVICE AGENCY

SANPETE COUNTY FSA OFFICE
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2007



Crop Disaster Program

Farmers who suffered crop losses because of natural disasters may be eligible to receive benefits through the new Crop Disaster Program (CDP).

You may be eligible if you suffered losses from natural disasters that occurred in 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops that were planted before February 28, 2007.

Producers must have suffered losses in excess of 35 percent of their expected production to qualify.

Sign-up for this program began on Oct. 15, 2007 and no ending date has been announced.

Note: Only producers who had federal crop insurance or (NAP) coverage under the Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for the year of the loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year for which to receive benefits. They may receive benefits for multiple crop losses if all were in the same crop year.

Eligible damaging conditions include drought, excessive moisture, insects, hail, excessive wind and Frost.

Don't miss this opportunity to receive benefits for crop losses you may have suffered between 2005 and 2007. Please call ahead for an appointment.

NAP Coverage Deadline

The Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you have applied for coverage and paid the application fee.

NAP provides coverage on crops in the county that are non-insurable. NAP fees are \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per county.

December 1, 2007 is the final day to sign up for coverage on perennial crops for the 2008 crop year. This would include, fall planted forage crops and grazed forage (pasture and rangeland).

Note: All livestock producers should consider buying the \$100 coverage on their pasture and rangeland each year. This is a small fee for coverage that can pay large returns during the drought years.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) 2005

Sign up for this program began Sept. 10, 2007. Livestock producers in Sanpete County who suffered forage losses due to **excessive moisture** in 2005 may be eligible for benefits under this program. Eligible livestock include beef cattle, equine, elk, sheep and goats. To be eligible, livestock must have been located in an eligible county on January 1, 2005 and must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation.

Please provide our office with the following information when you come in to apply:

- Number of animals on January 1, 2005 that have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation.
- Producers who run on BLM, Forest Service or State Lands must bring in their billing statements for 2005 so that we can determine how many AUM's you paid for during the 2005 grazing season.

Note: Animal counts need to be very accurate. If you are selected for spot check and are currently running fewer animals than certified to in 2005, you will be required to provide sales documentation/or other documentation showing what happened to the animals. Please call for an appointment.

FARM LOAN INFORMATION

PROGRAM	MAX. LOAN AMOUNT	USE OF PROCEEDS
Direct Farm Ownership	\$200,000	Purchase land; construct buildings, or other improvements
Youth Loans	\$5,000	FFA and 4-H projects
Direct Operating	\$200,000	Purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals; soil and water conservation; refinancing indebtedness with certain limitations

2007 Census of Agriculture

NASS will mail out Census of Agriculture forms on December 28, 2007, to collect data for the 2007 calendar year. The Census provides information that is not available anywhere else – information that benefits agricultural producers and their communities in many ways. The Census is very important – it is the voice of farmers and ranchers, it is their future, and their responsibility. **BE SURE TO FILL THEM OUT!**



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County Committee Elections

Upcoming County Committee elections will be held for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1, which includes Ephraim, Manti, and Sterling. Election ballots were mailed out to eligible voters in these areas on November 2, 2007. Ballots must be returned to the county office or postmarked by December 3, 2007. NOTE: Remember to sign the outside of the ballot envelope, where indicated.

Emergency Loans Available

Sanpete County has been declared a disaster area by Governor Huntsman. The disaster was due to the following conditions; severe drought, insect infestations, killing frosts, hot dry winds, below normal runoff, wildfires and flash floods. This makes producers eligible for Emergency Loans and Disaster Set Aside programs. If you have suffered a 30% below normal production yield, you may be eligible for an Emergency Loan.

**purchase NAP by
Dec 3rd**

Dates to Remember

November 2 - Election ballots mailed
November 22-23 The office will be closed for Thanksgiving
December 1 - Final date to sign up for **NAP** coverage for 2008 Fall/Winter seeded and perennial crops.
December 3 - Final date to return ballots
December 6 - COC meeting and counting of the ballots 10:30 a.m.
December 13- Office will be closed for meetings
December 25 - Office will be closed for Christmas Day
January 1- Office will be closed for New Year's Day

Commodity Loans

Commodity Loans are available to all farmers growing eligible commodities. These loans provide capital to farmers enabling them to hold their crop off the market and benefit from price increases that may come after harvest.

Commodity Loans mature in 9 months. Loan rates are as follows:

- Hard Red Winter Wheat \$2.98 bu
- Oats \$1.40 bu
- Soft White Wheat \$2.69 bu
- Barley \$2.14 bu
- Corn \$2.40 bu
- Honey \$0.60 lb

Reasonable Accommodations

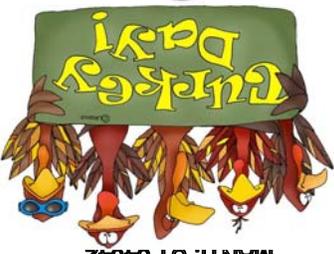
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