



Farm Service Agency

SAN JUAN/GRAND COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER

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DCP Program

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 3, 2007.**

When you sign the CCC-509, you are agreeing to:

- Comply with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions on all your land
- Devote acreage equal to the base acreage to an agricultural or conserving use (The planting of fruits and vegetables on base acreage may result in payment reductions or loss of benefits)
- Effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain base acres according to sound agricultural practices
- File acreage report with respect to all cropland on the farm
- Notify the county office staff when there is a transfer of or change of interest of a producer

Once you have a signed contract on file, FSA can issue an advanced payment after you designate which month you want the payment.

Changes have been made to the DCP program concerning advanced payments. For the 2007 crop year, you will be able to receive a 22% advanced payment.

Update your farm records. Changes made to your operation and acreage totals can affect your payments and compliance with programs.

The last day to sign your 2007 DCP contract is September 30, 2007, but you will be required to pay the \$100 per farm late-file fee for missing the

Wool & Mohair LDP's

The wool and mohair loan deficiency payment program provides payments to producers for Wool and Mohair produced and shorn from live sheep and goats. All producers who will sell wool and mohair in 2007 need to have form CCC-633EZ on file in our office. This form needs to be on file before wool or mohair is sold. Producers who received a wool or mohair payment in 2006 should have received this form in the mail.

Producers need to bring their receipts to the Farm Service Agency office after wool and mohair has been sold. Payments will be made to the person whose name is on the receipt. All sales receipts for wool and mohair sold in 2007 must be submitted for payment by January 31, 2008.

FSA Handbooks Online

For those interested in learning the nitty gritty of farm program implementation, help is on the way. The Farm Service Agency is making its handbooks available online. The Web site is <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/efoia/directives.asp> and is available to anyone with Internet access. (Not all handbooks are online yet.)

CRP Maintenance

The warm weather has brought the Prairie Dogs out in force. If you have Prairie Dogs on your CRP acreage, now is the time for control. If female Prairie Dogs are killed before litters are born, the number of dogs is greatly reduced, and control work later in the season is much easier.

The CRP contract also requires that noxious weeds be controlled on CRP acreage.

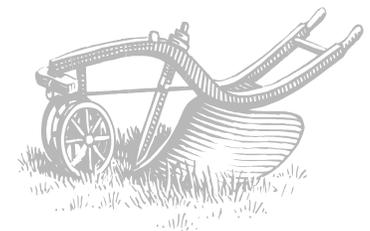
Acreage Reporting

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

The deadline to report acreage for San Juan and Grand counties is June 30, 2007. Reports filed after that date will be required to pay a \$46 late fee.

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 ahead for an appointment. We will do our best to accommodate your schedule.



Eligibility Reviews

Just a reminder, 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.

Farm Loan Programs

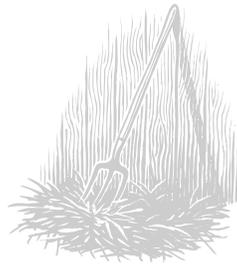
Need temporary credit? Maybe we can help. FSA makes and guarantees loans to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit. These may be beginning farmers who can't qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have a lack of cash flow to meet bank standards. These loans are tailored to a producer's needs and may be used for the following purposes:

- **Farm Ownership Loans:** used to buy, develop, or expand a farm.
- **Down Payment Loans:** used to assist beginning farmers and ranchers to purchase a farm or ranch.
- **Participation Loans:** used to assist farmers or ranchers to purchase a farm with the assistance of a lender or the seller.
- **Farm Operating Loans:** used for operating expenses, family subsistence, machinery, livestock, permits and to refinance debt.



- **Beginning Farmer Loans:** used to help farmers start an operation.
- **Guaranteed Loans:** local lenders ask for assistance from FSA to guarantee their loans for farm ownership or farm operating purposes.

Everyone needs financial help sometime. Perhaps FSA can help you with our loan programs and services to meet your farming needs. **Call Carla Sorrell at 435-587-2473 ext 116 for more information.**



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Dates to Remember

TODAY	Sign-up for 2007 DCP
TODAY	Turn in CCC-633 EZ page 1 to request LDP before losing beneficial interest
TODAY	Report Farm Changes
Apr. 17	COC Meeting

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