



# Farm Service Agency

SAN JUAN/GRAND FSA NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2007

## 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 Monday, July 2, 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 acreage report. Those dates are helpful to you in the event of a disaster program. Planting dates are also required for producers

## Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Producers who have a NAP Contract on file with this office need to file a "Notice of Loss" when it becomes apparent that you have been affected by drought, frost, and 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.

## COC ELECTIONS

*Take Charge—Be a County Committee Member!*

The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Nominations for this year's election begin June 15<sup>th</sup> and for your convenience the nomination form is included in this newsletter. First a little background on the election process: For the purpose of county committee (COC) elections, counties are divided into local administrative areas, more commonly referred to as LAAs. Each LAA is represented on the committee by one producer who is elected by the active producers in that LAA and serves a three year term. Single counties are divided into three LAAs and combined counties may have from three to five LAAs. Each year an election is held in an LAA to replace or re-elect the committee member whose three year term is expiring. In counties with three LAA's, one seat is up for election. In combined counties there are years when two seats may be up for election.

**This year, LAA 3 and LAA 5 will be conducting an election. LAA 3 is the Monticello South Area and LAA 5 is the Utah portion of the Navajo Reservation.**

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING!

Make sure to come into the office soon to complete your eligibility review

## COC Elections-cont.

### Nominations begin June 15<sup>th</sup>:

Nominations for candidates to run for county committee election representing LAA 3 and LAA 5 will be accepted from June 15 through August 1, 2007. Producers who reside in LAA 3 and LAA 5 participate or cooperate in an FSA program, and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Almost anyone can nominate a candidate—nominate yourself, your neighbor, or any other producer of choice. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. Nominees must sign the "Nomination Form" indicating their willingness to serve if elected. The FSA 669A, Nomination Form for County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee Election, must be returned to our office or postmarked by August 1, 2007.

If you are uncertain of your eligibility to vote or hold office in the upcoming election, please give us a call. If you want a voice in how FSA programs are administered to meet your local community and resource needs—get involved. **Make a difference:**

### IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

#### JUNE 15

*Request nomination forms from the FSA office and begin submitting nominations*

#### AUGUST 1

*Last day to file nominations*

#### NOVEMBER 2

*Election ballots mailed*

#### DECEMBER 3

*Last day to return ballots*

#### JANUARY 1

*Elected committee members and alternates take office*



## CRP Maintenance

It is time once again to remind CRP contract holders of their responsibilities to control any weeds, insects, pests, or other undesirable species, which would have an impact on surrounding land.

Failure to control these items may result in contract payment reductions or termination.

CRP maintenance such as mowing, disking, or burning shall not be performed during the primary nesting season which is April 1 through July 15 each year.

## County Information

<b>Address:</b> 32 S. 100 E. Monticello, UT 84535	<b>Phone Numbers:</b> 435-587-2473 435-587-2104 fx
<b>Staff:</b> Doug Christensen, CED Karla Eberling, PT Shirley Provance, PT Carla Sorrel, FLO	<b>Office Hours:</b> Monday – Friday 7:00 am-4:30 pm
<b>County Committee:</b> Tammy Taylor Terri Laws Ked Somerville Bob Barry Raymond Chief	<b>Positions:</b> Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Member Member Member

## 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.

## Dates to Remember

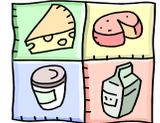
Today	Sign-up for 2007 DCP
Today	File Acreage Report
Today	Sign CCC-633 EZ for wool
Today	Complete required Eligibility Review of your farming operation
July 2	<b>2007 acreage report deadline</b> (without late-file fee of \$46)
July 2	<b>Deadline to submit production for 2006 NAP</b>
Aug 3	<b>Deadline to request a farm reconstitution to be effective for farms enrolled in DCP</b>
Aug. 3	<b>2007 DCP sign-up deadline</b> (without late-file fee of \$100/farm)

## 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 Farm Ownership, Down Payment Loans, Participation Loans, Farm Operating Loans, Beginning Farmer Loans, and Guaranteed Loans. Please call Carla at (435) 587-2473 ext 116 with any questions.

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