



Farm Service Agency

SAN JUAN/GRAND FSA NEWSLETTER

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NAP Deadline

The NAP (Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) 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 non-irrigated alfalfa, grass hay and grazed forage (pasture and rangeland.)

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

Acreage Reporting

The timely filing of an acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), as well as marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

To be considered timely, you must have filed your acreage report, form FSA-578, by the Monday, July 2, 2007 deadline.

If you have not yet filed your 2007 acreage report, you must still do this to receive payment benefits through FSA programs. However, you will be assessed a \$46 late-file fee per farm.

Crop acreage reports from producers are accepted for multiple future applications.

Emergency Grazing Grazing on CRP Authorized

Because of the continuing serious drought conditions in San Juan County, Emergency Grazing on CRP acreage has been authorized. Those interested in grazing CRP need to do the following:

- Identify the acreage to be grazed on aerial photos.
- Sign and date emergency grazing agreement.
- Obtain a revised conservation plan from NRCS—including the stocking rate for the acreage to be grazed.
- Receive approval from FSA before grazing begins.

There will be a 10 percent payment reduction assessed on all CRP acreage that is grazed.

Please contact the office if you are interested in grazing CRP acreage.



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

NOVEMBER 2

Election ballots mailed

DECEMBER 3

Last day to return ballots

JANUARY 1

Elected committee members and alternates take office



Emergency Conservation Program

Hauling Water for Livestock

Producers approved for ECP Hauling Water for Livestock need to be mindful of the following:

- Water Hauling ends September 28, 2007.
- In order to receive cost share payments you need to return Form AD-245, Page 2 signed and dated where indicated, and you must return your water hauling log completed and signed.
- If you have misplaced your water hauling log contact our office and we will send you a new one.
- All water hauling practices will expire November 30, 2007.

All paperwork needs to be completed and returned to the office by this date

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:

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| • Hard Red Winter Wheat | \$2.88 bu |
| • Oats | \$1.40 bu |
| • Safflower | \$8.59 cwt |

Producers are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining the quality of commodities in farm storage. They will also be subject to penalties applicable to unauthorized removal or disposition if CCC Loan collateral is moved or disposed of without prior approval from the FSA county office.

Emergency Loans Available

San Juan and Grand Counties have been declared a disaster area by Governor Huntsman. The disasters were 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, this is a 3.75% low interest loan, or if you are unable by the end of the year to pay all of your family living and operating expenses as well as all debts, you may be eligible for the set-aside program, this is where all or part of your FSA debts can be delayed this year or next year. The deadline for accepting applications is April 21, 2008. You will need to try and get financing from your bank first before you come to FSA for the loan.

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2007 Compliance Activities

County Office perform a variety of compliance reviews and spot checks to ensure the accuracy of payments and integrity of administered programs. Currently, these compliance reviews and spot checks are selected through a variety of processes.

Instead of selecting individual farms, contracts, loans, LDP's etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers for 2007 has been made using a statistical sampling method. Producers were selected based on their participation in CRP, DCP, LDP, marketing assistance loans, (MAL's) and NAP.

For 2007, producers selected through the selection process will be spot checked or reviewed for:

- Compliance with all programs in which they participated or received benefits.
- Accuracy of all of their FSA-578's (acreage report)

In many cases, this will mean that the same producer will be spot checked and reviewed in multiple states and counties. The reviews will take place throughout the year at times applicable for the certain program or activity.

The following is a list of programs that will be included in this review process:

Crop Disaster Programs	CRP
HELIC/WC compliance	DCP
2005 Hurricane TAP	FSA-578
LDP's/MAL's	NAP

Example: If a selected producer is participating in DCP for 2007, compliance with DCP provisions and anything associated with eligibility for DCP will be reviewed in all counties in which the producer is a program participant for 2007. The accuracy of the information on all FSA-578's associated with the producer will be determined by measuring the acreage (unless imagery is available) on all farms. If the producer is also participating in CRP, a field visit would be conducted to determine whether the practice is being maintained and whether unauthorized haying or grazing has occurred. If the producer later receives a farm-stored loan, the loan collateral will also be inspected.

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