



# Farm Service Agency

SAN JUAN/GRAND COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER

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## DCP

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

This commodity based program is not a continuous program. Contracts for the DCP program must be updated each year. **Sign-up for 2007 DCP begins October 1, 2006** with advanced payments available after December 1, 2006.

NOTE: Changes have been made to the DCP program concerning advanced payments. In the 2007 crop year, producers 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.

## ECP-Water Hauling

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

- Water Hauling ended September 28, 2006.
- In order to receive cost share payments you need to return From 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 17, 2006.

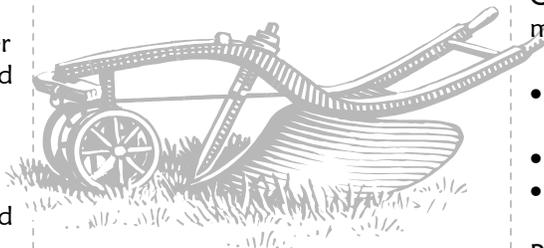
All paperwork needs to be completed and returned to the office by November 17, 2006. Please call us if you have any questions.

## Managed Grazing on CRP

Managed grazing on CRP acreage is available in San Juan County. This is not to be confused with Emergency Grazing. There will be a 10 percent payment reduction assessed on all CRP acreage grazed under managed grazing provisions in 2006. Those interested in managed grazing need to do the following:

- Identify the acreage to be grazed on aerial photos.
- Sign and date Managed 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.

CRP acreage grazed under managed or emergency provisions in the previous 2 years cannot be grazed again this year. Managed grazing is available through November 28, 2006. All livestock must be removed by this date. For more information please contact the office.



## 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, 2006 is the final day to sign up for coverage on perennial crops for the 2007 crop year. This would include non-irrigated alfalfa, grass hay and grazed forage (pasture and rangeland).

**Note: All livestock producers should buy 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.**

## Commodity Loans

Commodity loans are available to all farms 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             | \$2.78 Bu  |
| • Oats            | \$1.38 Bu  |
| • Safflower       | \$8.53 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.

## COC Elections

Upcoming County Committee Elections will be held for Area 2, Monticello North and Area 4, Blanding. Election ballots will be mailed out to eligible voters in these 2 areas on November 3, 2006.

If you farm/ranch in one of these two areas and you don't receive a ballot, please notify the county office. Completed and signed ballots are due back in the office by December 4, 2006.

Newly elected committee members take office on January 1, 2007



## Dates to Remember

<b>TODAY</b>	Sign-up for 2007DCP
<b>TODAY</b>	Turn in CCC-633 EZ page 1 to request LDP before losing beneficial interest
<b>TODAY</b>	Report Farm Changes
Oct. 9	Office Closed – Columbus Day
Oct. 17	COC Meeting
Nov. 3	COC Election ballots mailed
Dec. 1	2007 NAP sign-up deadline
Dec. 4	Last day to return voted ballots

## Emergency Loans

San Juan and Grand Counties are eligible for emergency loans due to Drought and Freezing.

If you have suffered at least a 30% loss below normal production, you may be eligible. Deadline to file applications is March 13, 2007 for Freeze and May 1, 2007 for Drought.

For further information, contact Carla Sorrell at (435) 587-2473 ext 116.

## County Information

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<b>Staff:</b> Doug Christensen, CED Karla Eberling, PT Shirley Provance, PT Carla Sorrell, FLO	<b>Office Hours:</b> Monday – Friday 7:00 am-4:30 pm
<b>County Committee:</b> Raymond Chief Bob Barry Tammy Taylor Juan Hansen Stephen Meyer	<b>Positions:</b> Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Member Member Member

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