



# Farm Service Agency

SAN JUAN/GRAND FSA NEWSLETTER

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## Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) for 2006

Livestock producers in both San Juan and Grand counties who suffered forage losses due to drought in 2006 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, 2006, 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:

- Animal numbers on January 1, 2006. Navajo Producers bring in your 2006 tally sheets if you have them.
- Producers who run on BLM, Forest Service or State Lands must bring in their billing statements for 2006 so that we can determine how many AUM's you paid for during the 2006 grazing season.

Note: Animal numbers need to be very accurate. If you are selected for spotcheck and are currently running fewer animals than certified to in 2006, you will be required to provide sales documentation/or other documentation showing what happened to the animals.

Please call for an appointment.

## COC Elections

Upcoming County Committee Elections will be held for Area 3, Monticello South and Area 5, Utah portion of the Navajo Reservation. Election ballots will be mailed out to eligible voters in these 2 areas on November 2, 2007. Ballots must be returned to the county office by December 3, 2007.

## Crop Disaster Program 2005-2007 CDP

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

You may be eligible if you suffered losses from natural disasters that occurred in 2005, 2006 or to 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.

Note: Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) 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 would include drought, excessive moisture, hail, excessive wind and freeze.

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

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

### NOW

*Sign up for Crop Disaster, Livestock Compensation and NAP*

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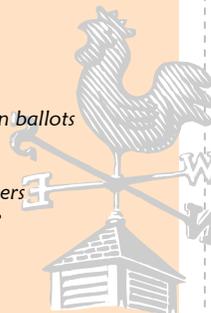
COC Meeting

DECEMBER 3

*Last day to return election ballots*

JANUARY 1

*Elected committee members and alternates take 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, 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 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 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 \$2.88 bu
- Oats \$1.40 bu
- Safflower \$8.59 cwt
- Sunflower \$7.87 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
HELC/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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