

JUAB COUNTY FSA NEWS

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ACREAGE REPORTS

We encourage all farmers to visit the office and report their planted acreage as soon as spring planting is complete. **Acreage reports are required for producers participating in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for grain crops and wool. July 2nd is the deadline to file acreage reports.** In addition to reporting the type of crop planted in each field, we will also need the planting date for fall or spring seeded crops.

DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

The 2007 DCP signup is currently underway. The DCP provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled in the program. The producer who experiences the risk of producing crops on the farm is the person eligible for DCP payments. An owner who cash leases land to another producer is not eligible to share in DCP payments. There are two types of payments, direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Both payments are computed using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm.

Direct payments per bushel are: wheat \$.52, corn \$.28, barley \$.24 and oats \$.024. The direct payment for safflower is \$.008 per pound. In the past an advance payment equal to 50% could be made. Legislation has reduced the advance payment to 22% of the total payment. The advance can be made in any month from December through September if you own the farm or provide our office with a copy of a written lease agreement. Some farmers rent land on a cash basis having just a verbal agreement with the owner. The operator will need to sign a certification stating the cash lease is in effect for the current year. Advance payments on these farms cannot be made until July. If an advance payment is not requested, the entire payment will be made in October.

The deadline for the DCP signup has been extended to August 3, 2007.

PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

Our office is still in the process of conducting in-depth reviews of all producer eligibility forms and documents. This review is the agency's effort to ensure the accuracy of all payments made to producers. In most instances, producers will be required to file new eligibility forms. For entities such as corporations, limited liability companies, trusts, partnerships, etc., supporting documentation such as articles of incorporation, operating agreements, trust agreements, and partnership agreements are needed if not already on file. Documentation showing who has signature authority for the entity is also needed if not already on file. This review requires a substantial amount of time and is required before any 2007 program payments are made. We encourage producers to make arrangements to take care of this business.

FARM RECORDS CHANGES

Accurate records of your farming operation are necessary to properly administer FSA programs. If you have bought new land, sold land, leased new land, etc. please report the changes to our office. Failure to maintain accurate farm records with FSA could result in program ineligibility.

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

Producers who have NAP coverage on crops such as non-irrigated alfalfa, oats hay, barley hay, grass hay, honey, etc. should submit production records from last year to our office. These production records are used in calculating your own "Actual Production History" for your farm or unit. **July 2nd is the deadline to submit 2006 crop year production records.**

Producers who have their crops or grazing land covered under NAP are reminded that a **Notice of Loss on form CCC-576, should be filed within 15 days of the disaster occurrence or date damage to the crop is apparent.** A timely filed Notice of Loss is needed so field inspections can be made to verify crop or grazing losses caused by damaging weather conditions.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

Controlling weeds on CRP acreage is the responsibility of CRP participants. We are encouraging CRP participants to go out and look at their acreage. If weeds are a problem, we recommend control methods such as spot spraying be done to control the weeds. Failure to control weeds is a noncompliance problem which could result in payment reductions, or contract termination. FSA is currently conducting field visits to check for weed control.

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