

# JUAB COUNTY FSA NEWS

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## **EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM - SIGNUP ENDS SEPT. 19, 2007**

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by flood, tornadoes, wildfire, and other weather-related disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought.

Juab County was recently approved to implement the ECP for drought and wildfires. **The sign-up for the program will run from August 20 to September 19, 2007.** This program provides cost-share assistance to supply emergency water for livestock, thus permitting them to graze range, pastures, and other forage. It may also provide emergency water for confined livestock operations. **Cost-sharing is only authorized on land that had adequate livestock water before the drought.** There must be adequate range or pasture residue for livestock in the area to be served by a water facility. The following practices are available:

### **EC-6 Drought Emergency Measures**

- Constructing and deepening wells and installing submersible pumps for livestock water.
- Developing seeps or springs for livestock water.
- Water pipelines, storage facilities, tanks and troughs for livestock water.

### **EC-7 Other Emergency Conservation Measures – Hauling Water for Livestock**

- Contractor costs for hauling water to livestock.
- Portable and permanent holding or storage tanks.
- Troughs.
- Personal delivery of livestock water.
- Assistance is only available on land which had adequate livestock water prior to the drought.
- Cost-sharing for this practice is authorized for up to 120 days during the time period of August 6, to December 4, 2007.

The cost-share rate for these practices is 50 percent of the actual cost for all permanent practices and 75 percent of the cost for all temporary practices, not to exceed an amount determined by the County Committee.

### **EC-3 Restoring Permanent Fences**

- Restore or replace fences destroyed by recent wildfires to help restore the land to productive agricultural use. Cross fences, boundary fences, and gates are authorized for cost-share assistance under this practice.

The standard cost-share rate is 75 percent of the actual cost not to exceed an amount determined by the County Committee. However, there is a depreciation adjustment for older fences. If the age of the fence is 0 to 5 years, then the allowable cost-share is 75 percent. If the fence is 6 to 10 years old, the cost-share drops to 56 percent. If the age of the fence is 11 to 30 years old, the cost-share drops to 45 percent. If all components of the fence are over 30 years old, cost-sharing is not authorized.

### **EMERGENCY HAYING AND GRAZING OF CRP ACREAGE**

Juab County was recently approved to implement Emergency Haying and Grazing of land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) because of drought conditions and the shortage of livestock feed. CRP participants will be assessed a grazing fee equal to **10 percent of the annual CRP rental payment**. Normally the grazing fee is 25 percent, but the Secretary of Agriculture recently lowered the amount to help livestock producers affected by widespread drought. CRP participants who do not own livestock, may rent or lease the haying or grazing privilege to eligible livestock producers. The haying or grazing privileges shall not be rented for an amount greater than the applicable payment reduction. Any hay from CRP acreage cannot be sold. Haying and grazing under this authorization ends September 30, 2007. However, if drought conditions continue at that time, extensions may be requested.

### **COMMODITY LOANS**

At harvest time, grain prices are usually at their lowest. Producers can use their stored grain as collateral for a loan. This provides operating money and enables producers to hold their crop off the market at harvest. Later in the year when prices hopefully increase, a farmer can repay the loan and sell the grain at the increased price. At the end of the 9 month loan period, if the price has not increased, a farmer can elect to deliver the commodity to the government to satisfy the loan. Loan rates are: hard red winter wheat, \$2.98; hard red spring wheat, \$2.72; soft white wheat, \$2.69; barley, \$2.09; oats, \$1.40; corn, \$2.33; and honey, \$.60. The interest rate is currently 6.0 %.

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