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Sign up @ Kaibeto Chapter

**May 14, 2008**

Sign up @ Cameron Chapter

**May 15, 2008**

Signup @ Leupp Chapter

**May 20, 2008**

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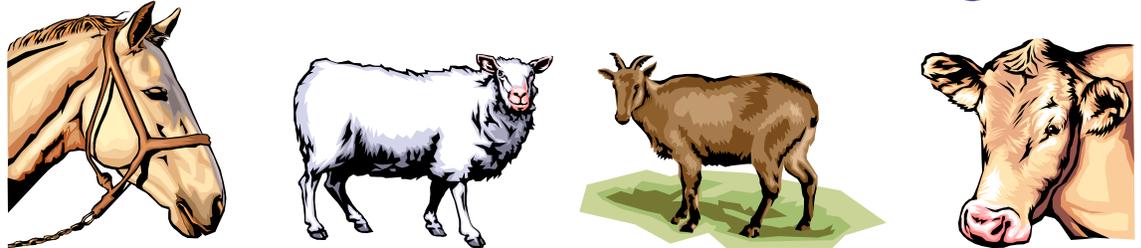
Sign up @ LeChee Chapter

# FSA NEWS

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*Servicing Coconino, Mohave, and Yavapai Counties*

## Livestock Compensation Program



### Sign-up ongoing

#### Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP) provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses directly resulting from natural disasters (drought) occurring between Jan. 1, 2006, and Dec. 31, 2007.

**Eligible Livestock:**

- dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer
- livestock that have been physically located in an eligible county on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period;
- livestock that have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the beginning date of the disaster period;
- that have not been produced and maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation. Such excluded uses include, but are not limited to, wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping or for show.



**Eligible Producers**

To be eligible for LCP, producers must have:

- either owned or cash-leased eligible livestock (but not both for the same livestock) on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period(s);
- suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of an eligible disaster event(s) during the applicable disaster period(s) and the feed lost or additional incurred feed costs were intended for use with eligible livestock.

**Deadline**

No deadline has been determined

**Payments**

FSA will calculate LCP payments by multiplying the national payment rate for each livestock category (found near the end of this fact sheet) by the number of eligible livestock in each category. The national payment rate represents 61 percent of the cost for corn needed to maintain the specific livestock for 30 days, as determined by FSA.

Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to receive benefits.

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**LCP Payments Continuation from page 1**

Producers may not receive duplicate benefits under LCP for the same loss or any similar loss if they previously received payments under the 2006 Livestock Assistance Grant Program (LAGP). If a producer received benefits under the LCP in calendar year 2006 will have their LCP payment reduced by the amount of payment received under the 2006 LAGP.

**Livestock- Type and Weight Range  
Payment Per Head**

Beef Adult Cows and Bulls	\$10.66
Non-adult 500 pounds or more	\$8.00
Sheep, All	\$2.67
Goats, All	\$2.67
Equine, All	\$7.89

**Sign-up**

Sign-up for LCP began Sept. 10, 2007. Livestock producers must submit applications in their administrative county FSA office.

When you apply you will need to certify to your livestock numbers as of **January 1, 2006 & 2007**. You must also provide a copy of **leases, deeds, grazing permits**, etc. that document your control of grazing land. **The land documentation must be in the name of the applicant. Adverse grazing land cannot be used.** This documentation will be used to establish a feed loss for your operation. You can also include expenses for livestock feed purchases but **must provide original feed receipts** that include the following information:

- date of feed purchased
- name, address and telephone number of feed vendor
- type and quantity of feed purchased
- cost of feed purchased
- signature of feed vendor if the vendor does not have a license to conduct this type of transaction.

**For More Information**

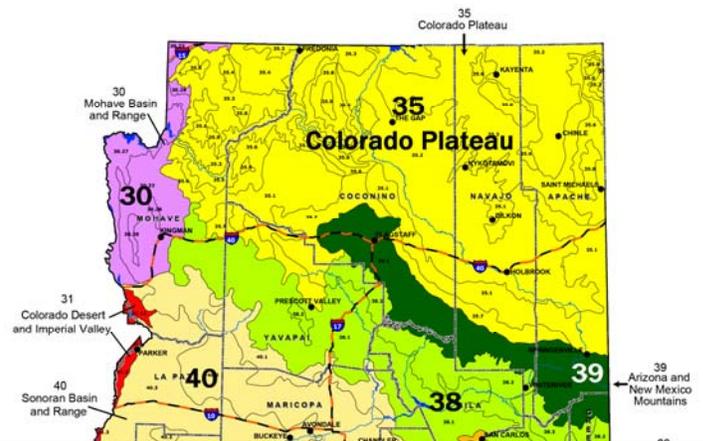
For more information about FSA and its programs, visit your local USDA Service Center or online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



**Power of Attorney**

If you're too busy getting work done around the farm to come into your local FSA office to conduct business and complete your paperwork, here's a solution: Retain an agent to act on your behalf for programs and transactions authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill and most other FSA administered programs. This can be done by completing an FSA-211 "Power of Attorney". The form is available at your local USDA Service Center or on-line at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Forms obtained and completed outside USDA Service Centers must be notarized. To find out more information call the office.

**Non-insured Crop Disaster Program Assessment for 2007**



**Arizona 2007 Forage Loss**

(Based on 2006 NRI Range Data Study)

MLRA	MLRA Name	% Forage Loss
30	Mohave Basin and Range	41
35	Colorado Plateau	49
38	Mogollon Transition	46
40	Sonoran Desert	47
41	Southeastern Basin and Range	29
<b>Statewide Average</b>		<b>44</b>

In order to qualify for **2007 NAP payments**, a requisite loss of 50 percent or greater must have occurred.

Two independent grazing assessments have been completed within the Major Land Resource Area.

These independent grazing assessments show losses (see chart above) in the MLRA. The MLRA **does not** meet the requisite loss requirement of greater than 50 percent according to the NAP regulations found at 7 CFR Part 1437.1 and 1437.3.

As a result, **NO NAP payments will be issued for 2007 grazing losses.**



**Foreign Buyers Notification**

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25% of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, Realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

## Welcome address from County Executive Director for Coconino/Mohave/Yavapai County

I am very excited about my new position as the Coconino/Mohave/Yavapai County Executive Director here in the Flagstaff Service Center. As a third generation farmer, born and raised in central Arizona, I have spent the last 25 years farming and managing farms and cotton gins in central Arizona. As a result, I have developed a true appreciation

for agriculture in general but especially for farming and ranching in Arizona. I also appreciate the diversity of the people and land of these three counties. This job offers me some exciting challenges and opportunities in serving the ranchers and farmers in these three counties. I am anxious to meet as



many people as I can and learn more about them and the land on which they work and live. I am fortunate to have a great staff already in place here in Flagstaff, and I believe that my agricultural experience will help me to continue the fine service you have come to expect from this office. If you are ever in Flagstaff, please stop in our office and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

- Arnie Schlittenhart -

### **Bank Account Changes?**

As of January 1, 1999, all FSA payments are supposed to be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you closed your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account and/or routing numbers.

### **Civil Rights Complaint Process**

Any person, class or group of persons may file a discrimination complaint within 180 days of an alleged discriminatory action. Complaints may be filed in writing or orally with the agency head or any designated agency official; the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Assistance in filing a complaint can be obtained by calling or visiting any FSA office.

### **Change in Farming Operations?**

Update signature authorization when changes in the operation occur. Producers are reminded to contact the office of a change in operations on a farm so records can be kept current and accurate or visiting any FSA office.

# USDA-FSA Agriculture Loans



## **AGRICULTURAL LOANS--AVAILABLE**

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes and Guarantees agricultural loans; provides credit counseling and supervision to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private & commercial credit.

FSA lends money & provides supervision to eligible applicants who operate family-size farms.

All loans must meet qualifying criteria to be eligible.

## **TYPES OF LOANS AVAILABLE**

- Farm Ownership (FO)
- Farm Operating (OL)
- Emergency (EM)
- Youth loans

## **DIRECT AND GUARANTEED LOANS AVAILABLE**

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct & guaranteed loans are available now.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan. Loan funds are available now — apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner. Most of our loan programs have special funding available for minority, female and beginning farmers.

FSA staff will help you complete the necessary forms and application, and help you understand what information is required and where to get it. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

## **LOAN PURPOSE**

With a Direct or Guaranteed FO Loan, you can purchase farmland, build or repair buildings and other fixtures, & promote soil & water conservation. Guaranteed FO Loans may also be used to refinance debt.

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### Sign-up Schedule

Chapter	Date	Time
Peach Springs	May 6, 2008	11:00 am - 2:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Gap Chapter	May 7, 2008	11:00 am - 3:30 pm <b>MST</b>
Kaibeto Chapter	May 8, 2008	9:00 am - 1:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Cameron Chapter	May 14, 2008	10:00 am - 2:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Leupp Chapter	May 15, 2008	10:30 am - 2:00 pm <b>MST</b>
LeChee Chapter	May 20, 2008	11:00 am - 3:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Tonalea Chapter	May 21, 2008	8:30 am - 2:00 pm <b>MST</b>
Coppermine Chapter	May 28, 2008	11:00 am - 3:30 pm <b>MST</b>
Inscription House Chapter	May 29, 2008	9:30 am - 1:00 pm <b>MST</b>

**This schedule will be in place as long as the Weather & Road condition permits.  
Please bring a copy of your grazing permits and 2006/2007 Tally Sheets.**

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