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Platte County News

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County Committee Election

Platte County FSA will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 3. LAA 3 includes all of the South Platte County. Eligible producers will receive ballots after November 2, 2007. Marked ballots must be returned or post marked by December 3, 2007. Ballots to be counted on December 6, 2007, at 10:00AM.

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) Loss

Producers are to report crop losses on NAP crops within 15 days after the disaster event occurred or the date the crop damage was apparent. Late filed notice of loss may be approved if the crop damage is still apparent to the FSA office and the loss was disaster affected.

NAP Rangeland / Forage Hay Losses

FSA can still provide coverage for irrigated and non-irrigated grass hay under NAP. FSA's NAP coverage is for crops not covered by RMA. The deadline to purchase NAP coverage for hay losses is December 1, 2007.

Disaster Programs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24, 2007 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program. The three ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning Sept. 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct

CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disaster occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits. Laramie County was declared a secretarial disaster area for drought in 2006, so we would qualify for benefits for 2006 calendar year only. Producers may receive no more than \$80,000 under LCP. An individual or entity whose average adjusted gross income exceeds \$2.5 million for the three years immediately preceding the calendar year for which benefits are requested, is ineligible for LCP benefits unless 75 percent or more of their income is from agriculture.

LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan.1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. Producers incurring eligible livestock losses in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits. Laramie County was declared a secretarial disaster area for drought in 2006, so we would qualify for benefits for 2006 calendar year only.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

Signup for LCP and LIP are scheduled to start September 10th but the FSA office has not been issued software, forms or regulations at this date, so we will notify you when we will be able to take applications. We are not taking appointments yet until we receive the above information. We will notify you when we can take appointments.

Conservation Compliance

As part of the 2007 National Compliance Review, FSA national office is requiring local FSA county offices to conduct compliance reviews and spot checks for certain producers selected by the national office through a statistical sampling method. A statistical sample of FSA employees, County Committee (COC) and State Committee (STC) members have also been selected for review using this same process.

FSA may review a producer's operations in multiple states and counties, depending on the scope of the producer's operations. FSA will review both the accuracy of the representations made by the selected producers in connection with participation in FSA programs as well as the producer's compliance with applicable program requirements. The reviews may need to be conducted as various times throughout the year depending on the FSA programs in which the producer is participating. FSA appreciated the cooperation of its customers as the agency continues to enhance its operations.

FSA's goal is to ensure that program dollars are delivered effectively and efficiently so America's farmers and ranchers can provide safe and abundant food, fiber and fuel for consumers at home and abroad.

Attention all Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found you are required to place the lien holders name on the check as well as that of the Seller. Ag Products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops. **Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer!** You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-307-777-7311.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

Signup for 2008 will need to be authorized by Congressional Legislation.

DCP Final Payments are to be issued in October of 2007.



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 8	Columbus Day- Office Closed
November 12	Veteran's Day- Office Closed
November 22	Thanksgiving Day- Office Closed
December 1	NAP Sign Up deadline for fall seeded and perennial crops.
December 3	Deadline for Returning Election Ballots
December 6	Counting Ballots at 10:00AM
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans

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