



# Farm Service Agency

UTAH - WASATCH COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER

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## DCP Program

*Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program*

It's time once again to sign-up for the DCP program! You can begin enrolling your farm in 2007 DCP.

This commodity based program is not a continuous program. Contracts for the DCP program must be updated each year. **Deadline to enroll without a late payment fee is August 3, 2007.**

When you sign the CCC-509, you are agreeing to:

- Comply with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions on all your land
- Devote acreage equal to the base acreage to an agricultural or conserving use (The planting of fruits and vegetables on base acreage may result in payment reductions or loss of benefits)
- Effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain base acres according to sound agricultural practices
- File acreage report with respect to all cropland on the farm
- Notify the county office staff when there is a transfer of or change of interest of a producer

Once you have a signed contract on file, FSA can issue an advanced payment after you designate which month you want the payment.

Changes have been made to the DCP program concerning advanced payments. For the 2007 crop year, you will be able to receive a 22% advanced payment.

Update your farm records. Changes made to your operation and acreage totals can affect your payments and compliance with programs.

The last day to sign your 2007 DCP contract is September 30, 2007, but you will be required to pay the \$100 per farm late-file fee for missing the

## Job Announcements

### Temporary Program Technician, CO-3/4

This position is located in the Utah County Office, Provo. The incumbent, working at the basic trainee level, performs a variety of activities associated with the producer files, eligibility review and crop reporting. The incumbent will also assist in other program areas as assigned.

**Primary Duties:** Performs general office activities. Such duties include answering phones, filing, using MS Word (letter writing and file labels), Windows Outlook, and program specific web-based programs, taking crop reports, providing basic program information to producers, and establishing and maintaining program records. Pay range would be \$11.01-\$12.36 per hour DOE. This position is full-time (40 hours per week) temporary appointment. Benefits would be sick leave earned at 4 hours per pay period and paid holidays. For more information, please contact Lori Jones or Lisa Walburger at (801) 377-5296.

### Field Assistant, CO-4/5/6

This position will have an intermittent duty schedule. The incumbent works independently on agriculture field work related to 1 or more FSA programs. Some office work may be required. Specific duties include, measures fields, including staking and referencing before planting, to establish boundaries and filling requests for measurements after planting. Inspects stored commodities are properly maintained. Conducts spot-checks to verify producer compliance with program requirements. As needed, witnesses crop disposition or other action to ensure program compliance. Performs appraisals and computes payments. Explains program requirements to producers. Conducts investigations of possible program violations. Works directly with program participants and others to resolve problems. Maintains CCC equipment in good condition. Responsible for knowing and supporting equal opportunity and civil right policies; the work may involve special physical requirements and/or exposure to inclement environmental conditions. Pay range would be \$12.36-\$15.42 per hour DOE. For more information, please contact Lori Jones or

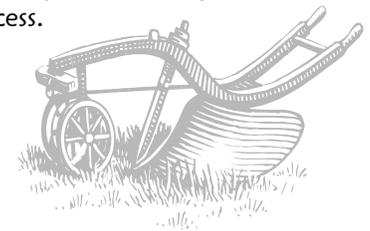
## Acreage Reporting

**ALL** participating farms must file a crop report to be eligible for program benefits. This includes payments under DCP, NAP, CRP, LDPs, and disaster programs.

**The deadline to report acreage for Utah and Wasatch counties is June 30, 2007.** Reports filed after that date will be required to pay a \$46 late fee.

Also keep track of your planting dates. We will ask you for these dates when you file your crop report. Those dates are helpful to you in the event of a disaster program. Planting dates are also required for producers enrolled in NAP and crop insurance.

We will be sending out appointment cards to schedule times to come in and crop report or please call the office to set up an appointment. By setting up an appointment we will be able to have your maps and all forms ready for you and it will reduce the time required to complete this process.



## Eligibility Reviews

Just a reminder, our office is currently conducting in-depth reviews of documents used to support producer eligibility. The review is the agency's effort to ensure the accuracy of all payments made to producers. This process pays great attention to detail, takes time, and **must be completed before any 2007 crop-year program payments can be made.** You may need to complete new forms and provide additional supplemental documentation.

## Loan Deficiency Payments

Don't forget that the Farm Service Agency rolled out a new, streamlined process for requesting loan deficiency payments. The CCC-633 EZ, "Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Agreement and Request" is now the required form.

By signing the first page of this form, you indicate your intention to receive LDP benefits. Once the form has been signed, you can submit an LDP request for payment at any time during the loan availability period – before or after losing beneficial interest.

One thing that hasn't changed is the statutory requirement that you request an LDP **before** beneficial interest in an eligible commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained.

The CCC-633 EZ is a two-part form. Depending on your commodity, pages 2-4 must be completed to request the actual LDP benefit (payment).

- Page 1 includes terms and conditions, and serves as your intention to request and receive LDP benefits
- Page 2 is applicable to feed grains, minor oilseeds, rice, and pulses
- Page 3 is applicable to cotton
- Page 4 is applicable to wool, mohair, and unshorn pelts

### SIGN UP FOR THE 2007 LDP YEAR NOW!

A subsidy payment is available when the market price of the commodity falls below the loan rate.

An LDP on your wool and mohair is currently available. A new payment rate is announced each Wednesday.

For Utah and Wasatch counties, an LDP on grains and oilseeds is currently unavailable, but these rates change daily.



## Electronic Newsletters

Now you can get this county newsletter by signing-up for e-mail distribution!

We are in the process of collecting e-mail addresses for producers who wish to receive the county newsletter by e-mail. You will need to have Microsoft Word to open the e-mail attachment of the newsletter. *(A hard copy of the newsletter will still be mailed to each producer.)*

If you are interested, send an e-mail to [lisa.walburger@ut.usda.gov](mailto:lisa.walburger@ut.usda.gov) requesting to be put on the list.

You can also get an electronic copy of this newsletter at the Utah State FSA Website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ut>.



## County Information

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<b>County Committee:</b> Kay Probst Chad Warren Alan Williams Jim Smith George Holmes Debbie Allred	<b>Positions:</b> Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Member Member Member Advisor
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## Dates to Remember

<b>TODAY</b>	Sign-up for 2007 DCP
<b>TODAY</b>	Turn in CCC-633 EZ page 1 to request LDP before losing beneficial interest
<b>TODAY</b>	Report Farm Changes
<b>Apr. 26</b>	COC Meeting

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