



# FARM SERVICE AGENCY

UTAH/WASATCH COUNTY FSA OFFICE

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2007

## FSA Office News

The Utah/ Wasatch County Farm Service Agency would like to Thank Lori Jones for a Job well done. Lori has taken a position up at our State Office in Salt Lake City as a Program Specialist. She is the Specialist over: Conservation, CRP, Disaster Programs, Livestock Feed Programs, and Deficiency Payments. We want to **THANK** her once again and let her know that she will be missed.

We would also like to **WELCOME** our new CED Sterling Rees. Sterling grew up in Loa, Wayne County Utah where he was raised on a Dairy and Beef operation. He is a Graduate from Brigham Young University, with a Bachelors Degree in Animal Science. When he graduated from college he went to work for Spanish Fork Pack and then Utah Department of Agriculture before coming to Work for the Farm Service Agency in 1985. For the past 21 years Sterling has been working as a CED in the Duchesne County FSA Office. He now resides in Salem, Utah with his beautiful wife Cynthia. They have 6 children and 3 grandchildren. Sterling really enjoys the outdoors, golfing and spending time with his family. He is really excited to be here and to meet all of the Producers in Utah and Wasatch County.

## Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Producers who have a NAP Contract on file with this office need to file a "Notice of Loss" when it becomes apparent that you have been affected by drought, frost, and insects etc. This Notice of Loss should be filed within **15 days** of when the damage is apparent no matter how significant the loss may seem at the time. Producers also need to notify our office if you intend to graze a crop instead of harvest it.

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## Purchase 2008 NAP Coverage

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you have applied for coverage and paid the application fee. This program can be likened to an insurance policy.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, or prevented planting occurs as a result of natural disasters. NAP also provides coverage for crops when Crop Insurance is **not available**.

If your crop is not eligible for crop insurance, then you can purchase NAP coverage for your crops. It is \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per county, or not to exceed \$900 for a multi-county producer.

**December 1, 2007 is the final day to sign up for 2008 NAP coverage.**

***IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SIGNED UP,  
COME INTO THE OFFICE TODAY AND AVOID  
THE LAST MINUTE RUSH!!!!***

**IMPORTANT:** Additionally, you will need to submit production evidence to the FSA Office for your crops, even if you did not have a loss on your covered crops. This is required to establish an APH (actual production history) for each year. This is used to calculate your production yield, and consequently will effect your NAP payment now or in the future.



## Late File Acreage Reporting

Acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical (DCP) Program, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), as well as marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

If you have not yet filed your 2007 acreage report, you must still do this to receive payment benefits through FSA programs. However, you will be assessed a \$46 late-file fee per farm.

Crop acreage reports from producers are accepted for multiple future applications.



## Dates to Remember

### **August 23**

Regular County Committee Meeting

### **September 3**

Office will be closed for Labor Day

### **September 5**

The office will be closed after 10am

### **September 6**

The office will be closed

### **September 27**

Regular County Committee Meeting

### **September 30**

Final day for late file 2007 DCP Contracts

### **November 2**

Election ballots mailed

## DCP Deadline

The deadline to sign up for the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program was August 3, 2007.

Farms enrolled after this deadline, but before September 30, 2007 will be assessed a late-file fee of \$100 per farm.

No 2007 DCP contracts will be enrolled after September 30, 2007.

This is an annual program that requires a new signed contract every year.

Once you have a signed contract on file, you can receive an advance payment (22% of direct payment) after you designate which month you want the payment.

## County Information

### **Address:**

302 East 1860 South  
Provo, UT 84606

### **Phone:**

(801) 377-5296  
(801) 356-1237 fax

### **County Committee:**

Kay Prost  
Chad Warren  
Alan Williams  
Jim Smith  
George Holmes  
Debra Cloward

### **Positions:**

Chairperson  
Vice-Chairperson  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Advisor

### **Staff:**

Sterling, Rees, CED  
Lisa Walburger, PT  
Keshia, Lind, PT  
Steven Bartholomew, FLM

### **Hours:**

Monday- Friday  
7:00 am- 4:30 pm