



**News From the FSA Offices for
Rio Grande, Hinsdale, Mineral and Saguache Counties
February-March 2007**

COC ELECTION RESULTS

The election results for the election held December 1, 2006 for Mineral County are:

Dwayne Lewis-COC member
Erin Starr Ellison-1st Alternate
Carl Vavak-2nd Alternate
Damon C Gibbons

For Saguache County the election results are:

Elizabeth (Beth) Temple-COC member
Catherine Adkins-1st Alternate
Sharon Haugen-2nd Alternate
James Warner

Saguache County Committee held an organizational meeting on January 8, 2007. The results of that meeting are:

David Stagner-Chairperson
John Artaecheverria-Vice-Chair
Beth Temple-Member

The ballots for Rio Grande County were not printed for the December 1, 2006 election. A Special Election was held on January 29, 2007. The ballots were counted on February 6, 2007 with the following results:

COC Member-Larry Scott
1st Alternate-Suzanne Bothell
2nd Alternate-Brian Harrison

An organizational meeting will be held on March 6, 2007, to elect positions to the County Committee. Please look in future newsletters for the organizational meeting results.

REVISING ACREAGE REPORTS

It is the producer's responsibility to check that their crop report is correct on acreages, crops, fields, planting dates and intended use. Acreage reports can be revised at any time if the revised acreage and shares can be verified by physical evidence and documentation to the County Committee's satisfaction. The intended use of the crop cannot be revised. We encourage producers to check their reported acres carefully before they sign the report.

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP'S) FOR 2006

Any barley producer who delivered and sold their grain prior to September 26, 2006 may submit settlement sheets as soon as possible. September 25, 2006 was the last day that there was an LDP rate. Producers may be missing out on a payment. Check your records carefully and get in to see us right away.

March 31, 2007 is the final day that grain LDP payment requests can be accepted for the 2006 crop year.

CORRECTION TO STATE OFFICE NEWSLETTER SENT TO ALL PRODUCERS

The final date to report planted acres of small grains was incorrect in the newsletter. **The correct final date to report planted acres of small grains is July 15, 2007.** Postcard notification will be sent to producers for appointments to report planted acres.

EMERGENCY LOANS

March 12, 2007 is the deadline for eligible producers to apply for emergency loans authorized in 2006 by four separate Secretarial Natural Disaster Declarations. Three of the Declarations authorized low-interest, emergency loans in qualifying counties where loss incidents due to fire, high winds, excessive heat, insect pests, late freeze, high temperatures, and ongoing drought occurred beginning January 1, 2006.

The fourth Declaration covers Dolores, Montezuma, San Miguel, La Plata, Montrose, Ouray and San Juan Counties only.

Eligible family farm and ranch operators should contact the Alamosa County FSA office at 719-589-5661, Ext 2 for further information.

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