



Farm Service Agency

DUCHESNE 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 June 1, 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

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!

For more information on this program, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and click on the "Price Support" link and then select "Loan Deficiency Payments."

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.

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 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.

County Committee

Listed below is the organization of your County Committee and the area each member represents:

Craig Thomas, Member	LAA #1
Mac Jessen, Chairperson	LAA #2
Bruce Dart, Vice-Chair	LAA #3

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.

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IT'S TREE TIME

Once again, the Soil Conservation District is offering their trees and shrubs for conservation. These bare-root trees and shrubs are sold to land owners for conservation projects. The cost starts at \$2.00 per tree and are sold in bundles. For more information contact us at 722-4621, Darrell Ext. 127, William Ext. 123, and Rebecca at Ext. 114.



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Positions:

Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Member
Advisor

Dates to Remember

TODAY	Sign-up for 2007 DCP
TODAY	Turn in CCC-633 EZ page 1 to request LDP before losing beneficial interest
TODAY	Report Farm Changes
Apr. 3	COC Meeting
May 1	COC Meeting

FSA Farm Loan Assistance

The Farm Service Agency makes and guarantees loans and provides credit counseling and supervision to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private, commercial credit. All loans must meet certain qualifying criteria to be eligible for guarantees, and FSA will monitor the lender's servicing of your loan. Farmers interested in Guaranteed Loans apply directly with a conventional lender, which then arranges for the guarantee. For those unable to qualify for a Guaranteed Loan, FSA offers Direct Loans.

FSA will work with you to analyze your situation, provide technical assistance, and tailor loans to meet your needs. Find out how our loan programs can work for you by calling 435-722-2491 Extension 2.

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Government at Your Fingertips

Producers are encouraged to sign up for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs online.

Once you set up what is called a Level 2 Account, you can sign up for the DCP program, request loan deficiency payments, access your program payment history and tax information and much more!

Although USDA will only accept eAuthentication Accounts from individuals, a representative role can be established to allow an individual to conduct business for an entity.

This online service is an example of the technological innovation USDA is using to make its programs more accessible.

For more information and to obtain authorization through a Level 2 Account, go to <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>.

FSA Handbooks Online

For those interested in learning the nitty gritty of farm program implementation, help is on the way. The Farm Service Agency is making its handbooks available online. The Web site is <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/efoia/directives.asp>, and is available to anyone with Internet access. (Not all handbooks are online yet.)

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