



Farm Service Agency

DUCHESNE COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER MAY-JUNE 2007

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.**

The last day to sign your 2007 DCP contract is September 28, 2007, but you will be required to pay the \$100 late-file fee if you enroll between August 4th and September 28th.

When you sign the DCP contract, 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

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.

SIGN UP FOR THE 2007 LDP YEAR NOW!

For more information on this program, contact the county office or 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 wool is currently available. A new payment rate is announced each Wednesday.

Acreage Reporting

It is time to begin filing your 2007 crop reports with our office. If you let us know in advance, 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.

ALL participating farms must file an annual crop report to be eligible for program benefits.

The deadline to report acreage is July 2, 2007. Reports filed after that date will be required to pay a \$46 late fee. COME IN TODAY!

Also keep track of your planting dates. These dates are required on your crop report. These dates are helpful to you in the event of a disaster program.

Gross Revenue

Many disaster programs state that a "person" as determined by payment limitation definition, shall not be eligible to receive certain payments and benefits if their gross revenue exceeds \$2 million or \$2.5 million.

Spot Checks by FSA

All CCC-501's (Member Information) and CCC-502's (Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility Review) are subject to spot-check through the end-of-year review process. If selected for a spot-check, producers will be asked to submit proof of their contribution to the farming operation such as seed, fertilizer and chemical bills; land lease agreements, land contracts or property tax payments; equipment lists; cancelled checks for paid labor or hired management; and any other items the FSA County Committee determines are necessary to verify the operation is actually being performed as was stated.

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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Nerissa Hicken	Committee Advisor

Dates to Remember

TODAY Sign-up for 2007 DCP
TODAY Report Farm Changes
TODAY ELIGIBILITY SIGNUPS
 REQUIRED
 May 28 Office Closed Memorial Day
 June 5 COC Meeting
 Last day to file Acreage Report
July 2 Without paying Late Fee

2007 County Committee Elections

The County Committee position that will be up for election this year is: Area 2, Altamont, Talmage, Mountain Home, Bluebell, and Upalco. If you farm or ranch in this area and are interested in serving on the county committee please contact our office. Interested persons need to file form FSA-669A "Nomination Form for County FSA Committee Election", which is enclosed.

NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PRODUCERS WHO HAVE A NAP CONTRACT ON FILE WITH THIS OFFICE NEED TO FILE A "NOTICE OF LOSS" WHEN IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT A COVERED CROP OR PASTURE HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY DROUGHT, FROST, 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.

ADDITIONALLY, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT PRODUCTION EVIDENCE, EVEN IF YOU DID NOT HAVE A LOSS, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN ACTUAL PRODUCTION HISTORY (APH) FOR EACH YEAR. THIS IS USED TO CALCULATE YOUR PRODUCTION YIELD; AND CONSEQUENTLY, WILL AFFECT YOUR NAP PAYMENT. **JULY 2, 2007 IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT 2006 CROP YEAR PRODUCTION RECORDS.**

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