



Farm Service Agency

DUCHESNE COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2006

NAP Deadline Approaches

The NAP (Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you have applied for coverage and paid the application fee.

NAP provides coverage on crops in the county that are non-insurable. NAP fees are \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per county.

December 1, 2006 is the final day to sign up for coverage on perennial crops for the 2007 crop year. This would include non-irrigated alfalfa, grass hay and grazed forage (pasture and rangeland.)

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NRCS Deadline

The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is currently accepting applications for conservation programs to address resource concerns on your land. **Applications need to be received before the 15th of November to be considered for the 2007 funding.** Applications are ranked yearly, and funding priority is given to projects that best meet program objectives. Funding for projects will primarily come from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Cost-share funding from the EQIP Program can be used to improve irrigated Croplands, Wildlife habitat, Pasture and Rangeland, Animal Feeding Operations/Confined Animal Feeding Operations (AFO/CAFO), and overall Watershed improvement.

If you are interested in signing up for these programs please contact the NRCS in Roosevelt at 722-4621, Vernal at 789-2100, or Ft. Duchesne at 722-9435. **(Eligibility requirements for these programs will include updated farm records with the Farm Service Agency.)**

DCP

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

This commodity based program is not a continuous program. Contracts for the DCP program must be updated each year. **Sign-up for 2007 DCP began October 1, 2006** with advanced payments available after December 1, 2006.

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

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

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COC Elections

Upcoming County Committee Elections will be held for Area 1 – Duchesne, Tabiona, and Fruitland. Election ballots will be mailed out to eligible voters in this area on November 3, 2006.

If you farm/ranch in this area and you don't receive a ballot, please notify the county office. Completed and signed ballots are due back in the office by December 4, 2006. Newly elected committee members take office on January 1, 2007.

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Late Filed Acreage Report

Anyone who has not filed a 2006 acreage report needs to as soon as possible. Acreage reports are required for eligibility for most programs such as the Farm Program (DCP), LDP's, and NAP. Remember no payments can be made for your farm until your acreage report is done. The deadline to do this was June 30, 2006 so you will be charged a \$20 late fee per farm. Please contact the FSA Office to ensure that your crops have been reported.

County Information

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Staff: Sterling M. Rees, CED Tracy R. Houston, FLM Jnell Huxford, FLO Stephanie Mecham, PT Robin Mecham, PT	Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm
County Committee: Bruce Dart Ralph Giles Mac Jessen Nerissa Hicken	Positions: Chair Person Co-Chair Member Advisor

Dates to Remember

Nov. 3	COC Election Ballots mailed
Nov. 7	COC Meeting
Nov. 10	Office Closed – Veterans' Day
Nov. 23	Office Closed – Thanksgiving
Dec. 1	2007 NAP sign-up deadline
Dec. 4	Last day to return voted ballots

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Need Temporary Credit? Maybe FSA Can Help....

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 Ext. 2.

FARM LOAN PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program	Maximum Loan Amount	Use of Proceeds
Direct Farm Ownership	\$200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase Land Construct Buildings or other improvements
Beginning Farmer Down Payment Farm Ownership	Lesser of: 40% purchase price or appraised value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase farm or ranch
Direct Operating	\$200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals Soil and water conservation Refinancing indebtedness with certain limitations
Direct Emergency	100% Actual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore or replace essential property Pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year Pay essential family living expenses Reorganize the farming operation Refinancing indebtedness

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