



# Farm Service Agency

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## LDP

Loan Deficiency Payments Available

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) on commodities are made when the Posted County Price for the commodity falls below the loan rate. Payment rates change daily according to what the market is doing.

As harvest progresses producers need to check with our office for the daily LDP rate. LDP rates can also be checked on the internet at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

If you will be selling your commodity directly from the field, make sure that you have signed a CCC-633EZ before harvest begins or you will be ineligible for an LDP.

## COC Elections

The Duchesne County Committee Elections are in full swing. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and USDA.

Agriculture producers in LAA 1 (Duchesne, Fruitland, Tabiona, Hanna and Utah) will be electing their representative on the county committee.



Producers will be receiving their ballots in the mail around November 3. You have until December 4 to return voted ballots to the FSA office.

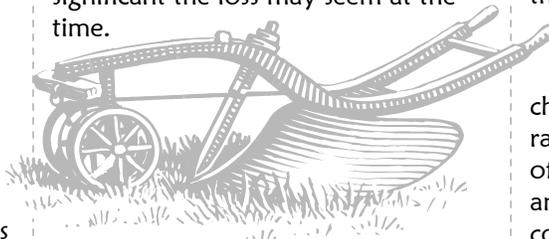
## Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

The 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. NAP is like an insurance policy.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs as a result of natural disasters. NAP also provides coverage for crops for which the catastrophic level of 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, 2006 is the final day to sign up for 2007 NAP coverage.**

Just like filing a claim, 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.



**MAKE SURE TO CALL THIS OFFICE OR AN INSURANCE AGENT SOON IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**

**DON'T MISS A DEADLINE!**

## Crop Insurance

Federal Crop Insurance has made some changes to their forage programs.

Irrigated alfalfa hay or forage will be insurable for eight years after the year of establishment. Alfalfa stands 9 years old and older may be insured as an alfalfa grass mixture type as long as there are at least 1.2 living alfalfa plants per square foot. No maximum age limitation applies.

This expanded coverage essentially makes all irrigated alfalfa and alfalfa grass mixture eligible for crop insurance, which means they are not eligible for coverage under our NAP program.

**The crop insurance sales closing date for wheat, barley, and forage (alfalfa and alfalfa/grass mixtures) coverage for the 2007 crop year is October 31, 2006.**

The closing date for all other crops is March 15, 2007.

Crop Insurance policies are available from private insurance agents. A list of agents is available at this office or at <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents>.

## Producer Certification for Insurance Companies

Private insurance representatives are now required to provide to the FSA county office a signed statement from the insured individual specifying the crop year and the related documents the producer wants copied for the insurance agency.

The insurance agent will then be charged for these documents at the rate of \$0.20 per page/side for copies of the FSA-578, Report of Acreage, and \$1.00 per copy for map photo copies.

If the statement by the producer is not provided and payment received, the documents will not be released to the insurance agent or representative.

## Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the FSA office and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

## County Information

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### County Committee:

Bruce Dart  
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Nerissa Hicken

### Positions:

Chairperson  
Vice-Chairperson  
Member  
Advisor



## Dates to Remember

<b>TODAY</b>	Sign-up for 2006 DCP
<b>TODAY</b>	Turn in CCC-633 EZ page 1 to request LDP before losing beneficial interest
<b>TODAY</b>	Report Farm Changes
Sept. 30	Last day to enroll 2006 DCP
Oct. 1	2006 DCP final payments paid
Oct. 1	2007 DCP sign-up begins
Oct. 9	Office Closed – Columbus Day
Oct. 3	COC Meeting
Nov. 3	COC Election ballots mailed
Dec. 1	2007 NAP sign-up deadline
Dec. 4	Last day to return voted ballots

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## Farm Loan Assistance

FSA makes and guarantees loans to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit.

These may be beginning farmers who can't qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have a lack of cash flow to meet bank standards.

These loans are tailored to a producer's needs and may be used for the following purposes:

- **Farm Ownership (FO) Loans:** used to buy, develop, or expand a farm
- **Down Payment (FO) Loans:** used to assist beginning farmers and ranchers to purchase a farm or ranch
- **Participation Loans:** used to assist farmers or ranchers to purchase a farm with the assistance of a lender or the seller
- **Farm Operating Loans:** used for operating expenses, family subsistence, machinery, livestock, permits, and to refinance debt
- **Beginning Farmer Loans:** used to help farmers start an operation
- **Guaranteed Loans:** local lenders ask for assistance from FSA to guarantee their loans for farm ownership or farm operating purposes

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