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Tehama County News

2007 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

This year farmers in Community "C" will elect their representative to the FSA County Committee. Community "C" is located west of the Sacramento River and south of Gyle Rd. to the Glenn County line. Growers that reside within these community boundaries may pick up a nominating petition at the FSA Office to nominate an eligible farmer/rancher to serve as their representative on the Tehama County FSA Committee. The committee meets monthly to review policies and programs that benefit the farmers of Tehama County. They also review applications, make determinations, and report agricultural concerns to the California State FSA Committee. The Tehama County FSA Office will be accepting nominating petitions from June 15, 2007 through August 1, 2007. This is your opportunity to make a difference and get involved. To find out more about the FSA county committee, call the office at (530) 527-3013, extension 2, or read more on line at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. Information is available in both Spanish and English.



2005-2006-2007 AD-HOC CROP DISASTER PROGRAM



Congress has just passed the 2005-2006 Crop Disaster Program. This program covers crops that suffered a 35% or greater loss due to weather related conditions. In order to qualify for benefits you must have purchased crop insurance or NAP for non-insurable crops. Producers that elected not to purchase coverage will not be eligible for disaster assistance. The sign up period has not been announced.

SELLING PART OF YOUR FARM?

If you own a farm with crop acreage base "history" and intend to sell a portion of that farm, you may elect to divide the crop acreage bases by the "owner designation" method. This is an option to divide your base acres BEFORE escrow closes. Both buyer and seller must agree to the division in writing.

Call Donna for more information at 527-3013, ext 2.



FOREIGN LANDOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

Foreign investors, who buy, sell, or hold an interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture through their local FSA office. Failure to timely file an accurate report can result in a penalty of 25 percent of the fair market value of the land. Foreign investors should submit the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) form to their local FSA office

DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PAYMENT PROGRAM (DCP)

The deadline to sign up for the DCP program has been extended to August 3, 2007. Those producers that have eligible crop acreage base farms and have not yet enrolled in the program have been given additional time to sign up their farms. This is an annual program that requires a new signed contract every year. Call today to make an appointment to enroll your farm. (530) 527-3013, ext.2

NON INSURED CROP ASSISTANCE (NAP)

The NAP program covers crops not insured by "crop insurance". Producers must annually provide an acreage report and production evidence for each covered crop. The NAP fee is \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per county. The service fee must be paid prior to the eligible crop sales closing date.

******Upcoming sales closing dates for 2008 include: ******



Honey, Onions:	December 1, 2007
Most orchard crops, (e.g. Olives, Pistachios, Apples):	December 15, 2007
Kiwi, Strawberries:	December 15, 2007
Citrus for 2008 crop	January 1, 2008
All other spring seeded annuals (e.g. vine seeds):	March 1, 2008

The NAP program is similar to "CAT" coverage in that payments are calculated on losses greater than 50%. Losses must be due to a weather related disaster.

Remember, to report all disaster conditions **when they occur**, even if you are unsure of the degree of loss. **Do not wait** until harvest to report your loss; you may be ineligible for benefits if disaster conditions can not be verified. For example, if you report at harvest time that your low yield was caused by a hail storm in March, it will probably be too late to verify the hail damage.

2007 CROP ACREAGE REPORTS DUE

Growers participating in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP), Non Insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), and/or Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) are required to file an annual acreage report.



FALL/WINTER SEEDED Acreage reporting deadline: April 30, 2007

SPRING/SUMMER SEEDED & PERENNIAL Acreage reporting deadline: July 15, 2007

Failure to report your acreage by the deadline will result in late filing fees and the possible loss of program benefits.

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP)

Be sure to file your CCC-633EZ LDP form with the FSA Office before you sell or feed any of your eligible commodity crops.

LDP DEADLINES;

2007 WOOL/MOHAIR.....January 31, 2008

2007 COMMODITY CROPS..... ..March 31,2008



You must file the LDP form before you sell the commodity/wool. Late filed applications will not be approved

FSA PROGRAM PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY

USDA requirements to receive payments and benefits are subject to;

- ⓐ payment limitation
- ⓐ actively engaged in farming
- ⓐ cash rent tenant rule
- ⓐ permitted entity restrictions
- ⓐ foreign person rule
- ⓐ average adjusted gross income

Program benefits can not be made until all required forms and documentation are provided and determinations are made. For more specific information contact the FSA Office.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) 2008 ASSISTANCE

If you are considering an improvement to your farming or ranching operation which also benefits soil, water, air, plants or wildlife, you may be eligible for assistance.

NRCS is currently working with local landowners in developing CONSERVATION PLANS so they may apply for 2008 funding. To get your PLAN ready, contact NRCS today!

A CONSERVATION PLAN is required to apply for funding assistance and is available to all land users on public or private land that want to achieve a healthy working landscape.

All programs are competitive and ranked based on the environmental benefit of planned practices. Eligibility criteria must be met prior to application acceptance.

NRCS is located in the Red Bluff USDA Service Center at 2 Sutter Street, Suite D, Red Bluff

Telephone – 527-3013, ext 3

ATTENTION OPERATORS AND LANDOWNERS!!!

Do you intend to clear timber areas and convert to farm/rangeland?

Are you converting pasture land into cropland?

Are there any areas on your farm(s) that you are considering cropping that have not been cropped in recent years?

Are there wet areas that you want to drain to make cropping easier?

Are you disturbing a wildlife habitat area of any type?

Are you doing anything different on your farm(s) this year?

These are Highly Erodible and Wetlands questions that producers need to address each year to assure that they remain eligible for USDA benefits. Before “moving dirt”, you should contact NRCS to make sure that you are not jeopardizing your eligibility for benefits.



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Got Computer?



Your home computer could save you time when filing for FSA programs and benefits. There are now several government programs and web sites designed to enable you to enroll in USDA programs, obtain information to improve the effectiveness of your farming operation, or track your USDA payments or account balances. Contact your local FSA office for assistance with establishing your internet access.

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