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The 2002 Census of Agriculture counted 2.2 million farms and ranches in the United States. That was down 15% from the 2.6 million farms and ranches counted in 1974. What changes are in store for the future of agriculture in our county? It is important that all operators are again counted in the 2007 Census of Agriculture to show their contribution to the entire U.S. agricultural industry.

Every farm and ranch in the nation can expect to receive a mailed Census questionnaire in December 2007. To get an accurate count for 2007, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service must receive a completed report for every farm and ranch in the U.S. The Census is the only source of uniform agricultural data for every county in the U.S. and provides a complete statistical picture of U.S. farms and ranches every five years.

How can YOU benefit from responding to the Census of Agriculture? Here are some possibilities:

- Producers can negotiate for more competitive market prices because they have the same facts as buyers.
- Farm organizations use the data to evaluate and propose policies and programs that help the agricultural producer.
- Farm service providers can anticipate needs and be more responsive to producers.
- Colleges and universities use census data in research programs aimed at increasing agricultural production and profitability.
- State departments of agriculture use census data to better serve farmers and ranchers during drought and emergency outbreaks of diseases or infestations of pests.
- Rural electric companies use census data to forecast future energy needs for the agricultural producer and the communities they live in.

- USDA uses census data to help evaluate participation of farmers and ranchers in its programs and services.
- Elected representatives use the data to develop farm policies and programs to protect and promote U.S. agriculture.
- Public and private analysts make extensive use of census data in projecting and evaluating results of agricultural programs and events.

The information you provide on the Census is kept confidential by law, Title 7, U.S. Code, and will not be disclosed to any other government or private entity.

For more information about the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) or the Census of Agriculture, including complete results of the 2002 census, visit our website at www.nass.usda.gov or call NASS's Utah Field Office in Salt Lake City at 1-800-747-8522.

Change in the 2006 LDP Policy

A subsidy payment on your grain, wool and mohair may be available so you can apply for an LDP payment for 2006. An LDP is paid when the market price falls below the loan rate.

Producer's delivering a commodity to entities such as a dairy, feedlot, pit, wool pool, or a feed mill, will lose beneficial interest in the grain or wool on the date the commodity is delivered, regardless of any other action or agreement between such an entity and the producer.

If you would like to receive an LDP, it is extremely important that you have form CCC-633 EZ Page 1 on file before losing interest. By signing this page, you indicate your intention to receive LDP benefits and you maintain your eligibility in the program.

If you lose beneficial interest in the grain or wool before your signed CCC-633 EZ is on file with this office, you will lose your eligibility to participate in this program.



DCP

The deadline to enroll in the 2006 year was June 1, 2006. However, if you are eligible to participate in this program you have until **September 30, 2006 to enroll. You will be required to pay a \$100 late file fee for each farm you enroll.**



Late Filed Acreage Report

Anyone, whom 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 (Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program), LDP's (Loan Deficiency Payments) and NAP (non-insurable crop insurance). 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 file fee per farm. Please contact the FSA office to ensure that your crops have been reported.

AgrAbility of Utah

AgrAbility of Utah is part of a national program administered through the USDA. AgrAbility focuses on promoting independence for members of the agricultural community who have disabilities resulting from injury, illness, age or other causes. AgrAbility offers opportunities to persons of all ages and connects individuals to a network of service providers, product suppliers, and product manufacturers in order to provide education, information, services and support.

AgrAbility of Utah is administered by the Utah State University's Agricultural Systems Technology and Education Department, USU Extension, the Center for Persons with Disabilities, and the Association for Independent Living of Utah.

Types of assistance available include:

- Agricultural work-site analysis.
- Farm/Home accessibility survey.
- Environmental modifications.
- Equipment adaptation and modification.
- Information and referral
- Facilitation of independent living.
- Individual advocacy
- Peer support
- Coordination of community service
- Education
- Agricultural safety workshops to prevent further injuries.

If you or someone you know could use come assistance in making your farm or ranch operation easier because of a disability, please contact this office or:

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TODAY- Sign-up 2006 DCP
TODAY- File Acreage Report
TODAY- Sign CCC-633 EZ
TODAY- File Notice of Loss
August 31- COC Meeting
September 4- Labor Day
 CLOSED
September 7-17 Utah State Fair
September 11-12 Office CLOSED
September 28- COC Meeting
September 30 –Final deadline to
 Sign-up DCP contracts
November 3- Election ballots mailed

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Producers who have their crops or grazing land insured under NAP are reminded that a **Notice of Loss, form CCC- 576, should be filed within 15 days of the disaster occurrence or date damage to the crop is apparent.**



FSA Kids Activity

The FSA Kids website has the AgVenture and Hay Now games for your kids to play and learn about agriculture at the same time. There are also cooking pages, coloring pages, fun food facts, puzzles, fun links, and more!

www.fsa.usda.gov/fsakids



Maintenance Practice and Weed Control on CRP Acreage

Remember, all contracts except the most recent contracts require the participant to determine when a maintenance practice is needed. Under all contracts, weed control in the responsibility of the contract holder. Maintenance is always done outside of the nesting season (April 1st to July 15th). Weed control is generally done outside of the nesting season. Spot control of weeds can be done during the nesting season with County Committee approval. CRP compliance reviews are being conducted and much of the CRP could use a maintenance practice. There are several ways to maintain your acreage, here are a few: harrowing, clipping, or mowing. The CRP program now allows managed haying and grazing of CRP acreage every third year. You must apply for these in our office to see if fields are eligible and obtain a modified conservation plan from NRCS. Haying can begin on July 15th and Grazing can occur between September 1 and December 28th. A 25% reduction in your annual payment will apply. Failure to obtain approval before haying or grazing will be treated as a contract violation and penalties or contract termination will result. Remember, if the cover has not been established as successful on your CRP acreage, the nesting season restrictions do not apply. Follow your Conservation Plan of Operations to timely perform required actions on the acreage.

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