

# Farm Service Agency

Uintah/Daggett County FSA Office

November 2006



## IMPORTANT:

### Measurement Service Charge

National changes have caused the State Committee to choose a measurement rate that will be the most fair for you the producer and USDA.

Basic Farm Fee is \$30 plus \$16 for the first hour and \$8 every 30 minutes thereafter.

Late Filed Crop Acreage Reports will cost \$46 (at a minimum) beginning October 25, 2006

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. This program can be likened to an insurance policy.

## PURCHASE 2007 NAP COVERAGE

NAP is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, or prevented planting occurs as a result of natural disasters. NAP also provides coverage for crops when Crop 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.**

***IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SIGNED UP, COME INTO THE OFFICE TODAY AND AVOID THE LAST MINUTE RUSH!!!!***

## COUNTY INFORMATION

### Address:

80 North 500 West  
Vernal, Utah  
84078

### Phone Number:

435-789-7133

### Fax Number:

435-789-4160

### Staff:

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Linda Stubbs,	PT
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### Office Hours:

Monday – Friday  
7:00 am-4:30 pm

### County Committee:

Scott Chew  
Christine McMullin  
Herbert Steele  
Lyle Taylor

### Positions:

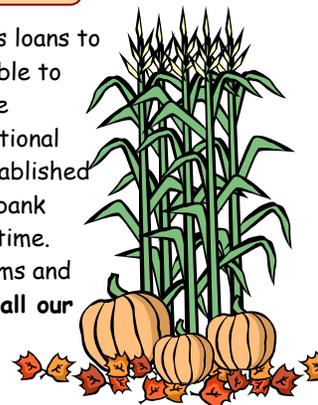
Chairperson  
Member  
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Vice Chairman

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 3	COC Election Ballots mailed
Nov. 5	COC Meeting
Nov. 10	Veteran's Day – Office Closed
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
Dec. 1	<b>2006 NAP sign-up deadline</b>
Dec. 4	<b>Deadline to return COC Election Ballots</b>

## Need Farm Loan?

Maybe we can help. 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. Everyone needs financial help sometime. Perhaps FSA can help you with our loan programs and services to meet your farming needs. **Please call our office for more information.**



## Deadline to apply for Trade Adjustment Benefits

Agricultural commodity producers or fishermen in the United States, or their authorized representatives, may file a petition to USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service between now and January 31, 2007 for benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (TAA). Benefits under this program include cash payments and various educational benefits that can include occupational training. Prior years TAA benefits have been provided to producers of blueberries, concord grapes, potatoes, avocados and to fishermen of shrimp and salmon, to name a few. The petition for benefits must be received by the TAA office by close of business, January 31, 2007. The TAA office address is Foreign Agricultural Service, ITP/IPPD, MS-1021, Washington, DC 20250-1021 or FAX to 202-720-0876.

## NRCS Conservation Program Sign-Up Ends Nov. 15, 2006

NRCS has announced that statewide sign-up for farm bill conservation programs will be closing on November 15, 2006 for the 2007 program year. By holding signups earlier, farmers will know the results of their conservation program applications when making planting decisions for the coming crop year. The new deadlines will apply to the major NRCS programs - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), and Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) and Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA) these programs are **currently open and will end on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2006**. These programs assist Landowners by providing 50% - 75% of the cost involved in completing conservation projects on private land. If you would like more information, please contact NRCS at 435-789-2100 or stop by the office.



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## Crickets, Crickets, Crickets

APHIS met with the County Committee recently and discussed the cricket problem on Diamond and Blue Mountain. There was enough concern the committee wanted a newsletter sent out to all producers on the mountain range to inform you an effort will be made to treat the crickets providing you, as a land owner, support it. We need to organize and we need to hear from you. There are several ways to treat the crickets but it will take a group of landowners to make it cost effective. Please contact our office at 789-7133 extension 4 or the USU Extension Office at 781-5452.



## COC ELECTIONS

Be watching your mailbox for your official county committee election ballot starting early in November. **Producers living within Daggett County (LAA4), and the Ute Tribe Members (LAA 3) will be voting in this year's election process.**

- Vote for only **one** candidate.
- Don't forget to SIGN your NAME on the sticker on the envelope.

If you don't receive a ballot, contact our office. **BALLOTS ARE DUE BACK IN THE COUNTY OFFICE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 4, 2006.**



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