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## 2007 Non-Insured Assistance Program

The Non-Insured Assistance Program is designed for all crops that can not be insured under federal crop insurance. This includes some insurable crops that do not meet basic production requirements (apples, cherries) or crops grown under uninsurable practices or areas (onions, garbanzos). NAP only provides catastrophic insurance coverage (50% yield, 55% price). The cost of an application is \$100 per crop/year and no producer will be required to pay more than \$300 per county/year, no matter how many crops are grown. Producers who acquired NAP coverage in 2006 must reapply for 2007 coverage. Here are the deadlines to apply. If you have any questions on when to apply for NAP coverage, please call.

09/01/06	Canola
10/01/06	Grass Hay, Alfalfa Hay, Clover Seed, Small Grain Hay, Mixed Grass Hay, Mixed Small Grain/Legume Hay, Triticale
03/15/07	Lentils, Peas, Mustard

Please contact Bill (extension 104) for more details.



## Election Update

The period to nominate candidates for the upcoming county committee election is closed. Nominations were due in the county office on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in the Flora/Troy area by Nov. 3. Voted and signed ballots must be returned to the county office by **Dec. 4**. Newly elected county committee members take office Jan. 1, 2007.

County committee elections give farmers and ranchers an important opportunity to ensure that their FSA county committees represent them.

Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help make decisions necessary to administer federal farm programs offered in their communities. County committees make decisions on agricultural issues such as: commodity price support loans and payments, conservation programs, disaster payments and employing county executive directors.

For detailed information about FSA county committees visit the county office or go online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/Default.asp>.

## FUTURE LAMB SALES

While there may be other lamb sales this month, we do know of the following:

Larry Waters – August 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 11:30 a.m

Intermountain Livestock Inc – August 31<sup>st</sup>

If you plan to ship with Larry Waters, please contact him by 7:00 p.m. August 23, 2006. His phone number is 432-7055.

For more information about Intermountain Livestock Inc. sales contact them at 963-2158.

**Sept. 15 to Oct. 15**  
**National Hispanic Heritage Month**



## 2006 Dates to Remember

- August 22** – Lamb Shipping – Larry Waters
- August 26** – Women's Equality Day
- August 31** – Lamb Sales – Intermountain Livestock
- September 1** – 2007 NAP Deadline (Canola)
- September 13** – COC meeting, Ag Service Center, 9:00 a.m.
- October 1** – 2007 NAP Deadline (Grass Hay, Alfalfa Hay, Clover Seed, Small Grain Hay, Mixed Grass Hay, Mixed Small Grain/Legume Hay, Triticale, Pasture)
- November 3** – COC Election Ballots Mailed to Flora/Troy Producers
- December 4** – COC Election

## 2006 Crop Loan Rates

Wallowa County loan rates for 2006 grain crops are:

Soft White Wheat - \$2.85/bu.	Barley - \$2.09/bu. (\$87.08/ton)
Hard Red Spring - \$3.10/bu.	Oats - \$1.28/bu (\$80.00/ton)
Hard Red Winter - \$3.15/bu.	Canola - \$7.32/cwt.
Rapeseed - \$9.15/cwt.	Dry Peas - \$6.63/cwt.



To be eligible for a commodity loan, you must:

- have filed an acreage report for 2006
- have beneficial interest in the commodity that is tendered for loan

For warehouse loans, the rate is based in the county where the grain is initially stored, except when the grain is physically moved to another location for storage. If the grain is moved, documentation of paid or provided for transportation charges must be filed before the grain is eligible for loan.

If you are considering a loan, please remember that it usually takes 2 to 3 weeks from the date of request until the loan is disbursed.

Puzzle

Sometimes the digits on a digital clock are palindromic, that is, they are the same forward as they are backward. For example, 2:12. At what times does this occur in the 4-hour period from 9:00 to 1:00???

*Answer to the last puzzle: Baron Frankenstein was a lonely man before he learned to make friends.*

### ***Notices of Loss***

Notices of loss for Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) crops **must be filed in this office within 15 days of the disaster event or whenever the loss becomes apparent to the producer.**

If you abandon, destroy, or change your harvest intentions without requesting a crop appraisal, the acreage will be considered to have produced ½ of the APH (Actual Production History) yield guarantee.

#### **Poster Contest**

The Wallowa SWCD sponsors a poster contest every year. This year's them is "**Water Wise**". The contest rules are:

- ☞ Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, paper, colored pencil, charcoal or other materials)
- ☞ Poster size must be between 8½" x11" and 22"x28".
- ☞ All posters must have a completed entry form attached to the back of the poster (available at the Ag Service Center).

The poster contest is open to kindergarten through twelfth grade students. There will be a first and second place winner chose from each district in the following grade categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, &10-12. First place winners advance to the state contest. Posters are due at the Ag Service Center October 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions call Cynthia Warnock ext. 106.

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