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 Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (subject to change)

DCP and ACRE Signup, Advance Payments

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and also the 2011 ACRE Program has begun and will continue through June 1, 2011.

Advance payments of 22% on the 2011 DCP program will be available starting December 1, 2010. The remaining 78% of your DCP payment will be issued after October 1, 2011. ACRE is a revenue based payment alternative to the price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.

In DCP, eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. DCP or ACRE contract signatures for enrollment are due by the signup deadline of June 1, 2011. For more information contact Denise Cerri at (775) 623-5025 ext. 121.

Livestock Indemnity Program

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund established under section 902 of the Trade Act of 1974, the program is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hail, winter storm, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

For 2010 and subsequent years losses, livestock owners and contract growers that suffer a loss of livestock shall file:

- A notice of loss for the earlier of the following dates:
 - 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent to the participant
 - 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurred.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs,

please visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

IRS Form 1099-G

Each year producers receive 1099-G forms from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) detailing payments producers have received from the CCC. CCC's annual report of program payments on the 1099-G helps our customers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the producer's own responsibility to report income to the IRS.

FSA staff cannot interpret IRS regulations or advise producers about which payments to report on their income tax returns. However, county office staff can review payments for accuracy.

Commodity Loans

Commodity loans, also referred to as Marketing Assistance Loans, are available to producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, you must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. During the term of the loan, loss of beneficial interest is a violation of loan provisions.

Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans. The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.



Maintaining the Quality of Loaned Grain

This year's large grain crop has its obvious up side, but there is a downside too. Many producers are hard pressed to find adequate storage for every bushel harvested. Overfilled grain storage bins can lead to grain quality problems.

Bins are ideally designed to hold a maximum volume of grain. When bins are overfilled and grain is heaped up, airflow is hindered and the chance of spoilage increases.

Producers who take out marketing assistance loans and use the farm-stored grain as collateral should remember that they are responsible for maintaining the quality of the grain through the term of the loan.



LDP Deadline on Unshorn Lamb Pelts

Eligible producers have until Jan. 31, 2011, to apply for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for unshorn pelts produced during the 2010 crop year.

To be eligible, producers must have beneficial interest in the commodity or have filed CCC-633, page 1 prior to loss of beneficial interest. For unshorn pelts, producers must have owned the lamb for at least 30 calendar days before the date of slaughter and sell the unshorn lamb for immediate slaughter. Producers must also comply with wetland conservation and highly erodible land conservation provisions on all lands they operate or have interest in.

To qualify for payment, the wool, mohair, and/or pelts must have been produced by an eligible producer from live animals of domestic origin in the United States.

Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

If you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan, ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee.

Direct farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained from FSA for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum of \$1,119,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that the application and loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

Conservation Loan Program

The Conservation Loan (CL) Program provides farmers with the funds to implement conservation measures on their land. The available limit for a direct CL is \$300,000, and the limit for a guaranteed CL is \$1,119,000.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will work with applicants to develop a conservation plan containing approved conservation practices. Examples of some conservation practices are: water conservation structures, forest cover, permanent pastures, manure digesters and other installations.

For more information on a potential Conservation Loan, call the local FSA office and make an appointment with a loan officer.

Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Many farm and even city families have found the Youth Loan program an excellent means to introduce the next generation to the business of agriculture. Is there someone in your family who may qualify?

Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers

FSA sets aside targeted funding to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 % of the county's average size.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit www.fsa.usda.gov.



Loans for the Socially Disadvantaged

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for Farm Service Agency loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for socially disadvantaged applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of a group.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Both operating loans and loans for the purchase or improvement of farms or ranches are available under this category.



Spousal Signatures

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse.

There are exceptions to the rule, where spouses may not sign on behalf of each other for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities.

Individual signatures are also required on certain Farm Loan Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan documents.

For more clarification on spousal signature authority, feel free to contact your local FSA office.

Snow - Precipitation Update Humboldt & Lander Counties

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) installs, operates, and maintains an extensive automated system to collect snowpack and related climatic data in the Western United States called SNOTEL (for SNOWpackTElemetry). The system evolved from NRCS's Congressional mandate in the mid-1930's "to measure snowpack in the mountains of the West and forecast the water supply." The programs began with manual measurements of snow courses; since 1980, SNOTEL has reliably and efficiently collected the data needed to produce water supply forecasts and to support the resource management activities of NRCS and others.

Climate studies, air and water quality investigations, and resource management concerns are all served by the modern SNOTEL network. The high elevation watershed locations and the broad coverage of the network provide important data collection opportunities to

researchers, water managers, and emergency managers for natural disasters such as floods.

There are four SNOTEL sites in Humboldt County. The Disaster Peak SNOTEL, located north of Kings River along the Nevada-Oregon border, is at an elevation of 6,500-ft. This SNOTEL site provides data for predicting water supplies for the Northern Great Basin. The other three SNOTEL sites are located on the east side of the Santa Rosa Range. Buckskin (lower) is located at an elevation of 6,700-ft., Granite Peak is located at an elevation of 7,800-ft., and Lamance Creek is located at an elevation of 6,000-ft. These SNOTEL sites provide data for predicting water supplies for the Lower Humboldt Basin.

The public can access this data at <http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov/>. Select **Snow Survey** (under Information About) on the right hand side of the page. Then select **Precipitation** (under Programs) on the left hand side of the page. Then select a report under **Daily SNOTEL Data Reports**.

Snow - Precipitation Update

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	Total Precipitation		
	11/30/10	11/30/09	11/30/10
	% of	% of	Snow
Site Name	Average	Average	Depth (in.)
Big Creek Summit (Lander)	207	46	27
Buckskin Lower	136	100	12
Disaster Peak	242	77	7
Granite Peak	177	73	25
Lamance Creek	163	68	9
Lower Humboldt River Basin	204	72	
Upper Humboldt River Basin	170	74	

Please contact Craig Plummer, NRCS Designated Conservationist, at (775) 623-5025 ext. 101 if you have any questions or need additional information.



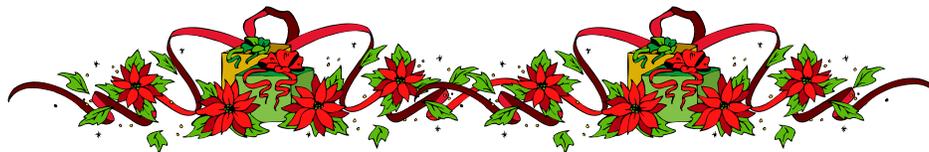
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The Staff of the Winnemucca USDA Service Center (Farm Service Agency, NRCS and US Forest Service) wish to thank you for the privilege of working with you this past year. May each and every one of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Selected Interest Rates - December 2010	
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%
Farm Operating - Direct	1.750%
Farm Ownership - Direct	4.125%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%
Conservation Loan	4.125%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility (7 yr.)	2.000%
Farm Storage Facility (10 yr.)	2.750%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.250%

Dec. 6	County Committee ballots due back to County Office
Dec. 24	Christmas Holiday-Offices Closed
Dec. 31	New Years Eve – Offices Closed
June 1, 2011	DCP / ACRE Filing Deadline

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