



Yerington/Minden FSA Newsletter

Lyon, Mineral, Esmeralda Counties
Douglas, Carson City, Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties

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Hours

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LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather that occurred on or after January 1, 2008 and before October 1, 2011, including losses because of hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat, and extreme cold.

To be eligible for LIP:

- A livestock producer must have legally owned the eligible livestock on the day the livestock died.
- The livestock must have died as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event. Must have died on or after January 1, 2008 and before October 1, 2011.
 - No later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the applicable adverse weather event
 - In the calendar year for which benefits are requested
- Have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the day they died
- Not have been produced for reasons other than commercial use as a part of a farming operation.

Applying for LIP:

- Submit a Notice of Loss and Application for Payment to the local FSA service center that maintains the farm records for their business.
- The Notice of Loss must be submitted the earlier of:
 - 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock was apparent to the producer

- 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurred

Applicants must provide adequate proof that the eligible livestock deaths occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested. The quantity and kind of livestock that died may be documented by: purchase records, veterinarian records, bank or other loan documents, rendering truck receipts, FEMA records, National Guard records, written contracts, production records, records assembled for tax purposes, or similar documents.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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 producers can contact their local FSA office.



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



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.

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.



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?

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's 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.

BCAP Update

Instructions for Biomass Conversion Facilities (BCFs) to become approved BCAP-certified facilities are anticipated in the next few weeks. The actual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or agreement will be similar to the first pilot phase program but new language that will address requirements of the new regulation. Biomass Conversion Facilities may wish to contact the FSA office in their state to make sure they are notified when this information is received. BCFs and interested producers can also watch the national website for further BCAP information at www.fsa.usda.gov under Energy Programs.

All BCFs must complete the MOU and submit it, along with any other documents or permits required by the notice. This is the first step in the BCAP process. Additional notices dealing with project area proposals and new procedure on the harvest, transportation portion or matching payment program are also scheduled to be released shortly. The new BCAP regulation has significant changes in required conservation plans, fair market value and eligible material that will be explained in the Notice.

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.

LDP Deadline on Unshorn Lamb Pelts, Wool or Mohair

Eligible producers have until Jan. 31st, 2011, to apply for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for unshorn pelts or wool 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, 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.

Yerington/Minden FSA Office News

We would like to remind all the producers in Inyo, Mono, Alpine, Douglas and Carson City Counties that the Minden FSA office is now a part time office. **We try to be there Monday and Wednesday of each week, however if you would like to schedule an appointment on any other weekday, please call us and we will make arrangements to be there on that day.**

The Yerington FSA office is a full time office and staff is available to help you with any questions you might have, so please call us during regular office hours at (775)463-2855.

We will be visiting the counties serviced out of the Minden and Yerington offices in 2011 and we will try to inform you of any scheduled visits, so we may set up appointments and bring along the appropriate files.

Paper Check Conversion (PCC)

Over the next year, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) are moving to an electronic method for processing checks from producers. This will allow FSA/CCC to process collections faster.

When producers present checks, either in person or through the mail, the checks will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt. Please see the U.S. Department of Treasury legal notices posted in the USDA Service Center office or visit the following U.S. Department of Treasury Internet site for detailed information:

<https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm>



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Selected Interest Rates - December 2010	
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%
Farm Operating - Direct	2%
Farm Ownership - Direct	4.125%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%
Conservation Loan Program	4.125%
Emergency Loans	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility Loan	2.0% for 7 year term 2.75% for 10 year term 3.0% for 12 year term
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.250%

Dates to Remember	
Dec. 6 th	County Committee ballots due back to County Office
Dec. 7 th	Ballots counted for Minden Office
Dec. 9 th	Ballots counted for Yerington Office
Dec. 24 th	Christmas Holiday-Offices Closed
Dec. 31 st	New Years Eve – Offices Closed
June 1 st 2011	DCP / ACRE Filing Deadline

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