



# NEWSLETTER



## Doña County FSA Office

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### Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

### County Office Staff

#### Farm Programs

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**Program Technician**

#### Farm Loans

Leah Bradfute  
**Farm Loan Manager**  
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**Program Technician**

#### County Committee

Luis Holguin  
**Chairperson**  
Joe Corona  
**Vice-Chairperson**  
Edmund Ogaz  
**Member**  
Jann Koenig  
**Minority Advisor**

#### COC Regular Meetings

Monthly—Third  
Wednesday—1:30 PM

### NRCS NEWS

The 2012 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) signup will continue through December 2, 2011. EQIP, administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), can help farmers and ranchers pay for conservation practices that prevent erosion, improve water quality, and provide habitat for wildlife.

Some of the conservation practices eligible for EQIP funds include irrigation system improvements, brush management, and development of water sources for livestock and wildlife. Please contact Adrian Tafoya, District Conservationist at (575) 522-8775 Ex 114.

### NAP Production Records

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your crop production on a yearly basis to keep your yield up to date. Production records must be verifiable and reliable. All production records must be submitted to our office by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.

### NAP Loss Filing

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576 in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

**Producers are reminded that November 1, 2011, is the last day to file a Notice of Loss for Native Grass.**

### Successor-In-Interest

Many FSA programs will allow payments to be made to heirs or successors when a program participant passes away. In the event of an FSA program participant's death, it is important that FSA be notified of any changes to verify the continued eligibility of the pending benefit. FSA benefits are reported to IRS and maintaining current, accurate records is vital to ensuring that those payments are correctly issued and

### **Foreign Investors Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings**

Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the Farm Service Agency that maintains reports for the county where the land is located. Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the land.

### **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. Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can currently reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,214,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

### **Hispanic Farmers and Women Farmers**

A process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and Women farmers and ranchers who believe they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans has been established. If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

For additional information on this and other settlement issues contact:

Hispanic and Women Farmer Claims Process, please visit: [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov) or call 1-888-508-4429

### **NAP Coverage Deadlines**

November 20, 2011 - Apples, apricots, cherries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pistachios, plums and pears.

December 1, 2011 – Last day to buy 2012 NAP – Lettuce and honey.

### **Holiday**

This office will be closed Friday, November 11, 2011 and Thursday, November 27, 2011, in observance of Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.