

# **MCKINLEY COUNTY FARM SERVICE NEWSLETTER**

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7: 30a.m to 5:00p.m.

Monday thru Friday

Open during Lunch hour

**DECEMBER 2009 & JANUARY 2010**

### **FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The 2009 County Committee Election ballots were counted on Monday, December 14, 2009. Vanessa Begay-Lee will continue as the elected member of the LAA-1 representing the region south of Gallup to the Zuni and Ramah Reservations. Members take Office on January 1, 2010. The members of the County Committee determine the programs administered for the McKinley County for all the agricultural producers. All are welcome to attend.

### **LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM – LFP**

As of this week, McKinley County was been listed as being classified as having D-2 Drought Conditions for ten (10) weeks. This makes it possible for the LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM to be offered to all livestock producers that have either have applied for the 2009 NAP coverage ; or can get the waiver for the NAP coverage by the socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher requirements. The D-2 designation will provide ONE (1) MONTH payment rate that is equal to 60 percent of the lesser of the monthly feed cost for all covered livestock using a feed gain equivalent, OR the monthly feed cost calculated using the normal carrying capacity for the grazing land.

Additional information about LFP including eligible livestock is available at McKinley County FSA or online at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

### **THE DEADLINE FOR APPLY FOR LFP WILL BE MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2010.**

Please come into the McKinley County FSA Office to apply. There will be sign-up sessions scheduled for the local Navajo Chapter Houses and for the Zuni Pueblo. The Chapter House visits will be several pooled together for one day. Check with your Chapter Coordinator or call (505) 722-9060 extension 104 to see for a scheduled date.

### **FLASH FLOOD ASSISTANCE APPROVED**

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson has declared the 09/05/09 flash flood of the Ramah Valley as a Natural Disaster. This opens the possibility for the victims to apply for assistance thru the EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP) for the agricultural damage to the farmland.

**WOOL, MOHAIR, AND UNSHORN LAMBS**

The deadline to apply for the 2009 marketing year for all sales receipts for wool, mohair and unshorn lambs is **JANUARY 31, 2010.** Unshorn lamb must be 6 months old. They can be sold or given as contributions to ceremonies. The animal is not paid for; it is the wool on the back of the unshorn lamb that is paid.

**NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – (NAP)**

**2008 GOOD NEWS!!! THERE WILL BE A 2008 PAYMENT FOR ALL APPLICANTS THAT SUBMITTED THEIR REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FORM. THE PAYMENT WILL BE AT A 53% LOSS FOR MCKINLEY COUNTY- A 3% PAYMENT.**

**2009 – The two independent sources report of a grazing percent loss percentage has been completed. This will be submitted to the New Mexico State FSA Committee for review.**

**2010 – Deadline to purchase or apply under the LIMITED RESOURCE PROVISIONS for NAP coverage is FEBRUARY 1, 2010.**

**HOLIDAY – DECEMBER 24, 2009 – OFFICE CLOSED AT 12:00 P.M**  
**DECEMBER 25, 2009 – CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**- JANUARY 1, 2010 – NEW YEAR’S DAY**

**COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS - JANUARY 20, 2010      FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

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**/s/ John Sakasitz, County Executive Director**

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