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Elko/ Eureka County News

Elko/ Eureka County USDA Service Center

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Hours

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

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County Committee usually meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Service Center

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Acreage Reporting

Acreage reporting time just around the corner. Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For all grain crops acreage reports are to be completed and certified by the June 15 deadline. For all other crops, this includes rangeland for grazing and native hay crops July 15th is the deadline.

Acreage reports on crops for which NAP assistance has been paid are due in the county office by June 15 for grains crops and July 15 for all other crops.

DCP Deadline Changes

FSA has changed the deadline for the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) until Aug. 3, 2007.

This extension is a result of earlier problems with the Farm Service Agency's computer network. A late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after Aug. 3, 2007, and before Sept. 30, 2007. Enrollment in DCP for the 2007 contract period began on October 1, 2006, and was scheduled to end on June 1, 2007. This extension applies **only** to the enrollment time frame, and does not

extend the annual DCP contract period of Sept. 30, 2007. Applications signed after September 30, 2007 cannot be approved.

CoCoRaHS Welcomes the Silver State

Submitted by Laura Edwards, Nevada CoCoRaHS State Co-Coordinator
Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow (CoCoRaHS) Network is proud to announce Nevada as one of its newest members. This volunteer, non-profit, precipitation measuring network kicked off on March 1 in our great state. Any and all who are interested in watching and reporting the rain, hail and snow in their backyard, farm or ranch, are encouraged to register. Any age citizen can participate, and with any level of commitment, from one season to a lifetime. The burgeoning network started small after a deadly 1997 flood in Fort Collins, CO, that resulted after heavy rain went unreported by storm spotters. CoCoRaHS has now grown to 17 states nationwide, with nearly 3,000 volunteers. The National Weather Service, emergency managers, hydrologists, researchers and many others are using CoCoRaHS for many purposes, plus it's just fun to see your data on the Web! All you need to participate are: an interest and willingness to watch your weather each day, have internet access to report your observations online, participate in a live or online training session, and own or acquire a 4" rain gauge. The first live northern Nevada training session will be on April 7 at Spanish Springs Library in Sparks, 10:30-12:30. For more information, visit the CoCoRaHS website at www.cocorahs.org, or contact Laura, Jim or Michelle, the Nevada State Coordinators, at 775-674-7010 or cocorahs@dri.edu.

Beginning, Small and Limited Resource Farmers & Ranchers:

Do You Require Financial Assistance to Fund Conservation Program Initiatives?

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) have worked together to make conservation programs more available to beginning, small, and limited resource farmers. As producers move from initial contract development into the implementation stage under NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program, many face the inability to acquire the initial capital investment of their cost-share portion needed for contract implementation.

To help producers implement conservation measures, FSA has several loan programs available to assist with up-front costs. FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit otherwise. A primary objective of FSA's farm loan programs is to assist small, beginning, and socially disadvantaged (minority and female) producers. In fact, a portion of FSA's loan funds are reserved for beginning and socially disadvantaged producers. These loan programs are not new and have been used successfully in conjunction with conservation programs throughout the United States.

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



Toll-Free Number for Borrowers

Direct loan borrowers with USDA's Farm Service Agency can now check the status of their accounts around the clock using a new toll-free telephone number.

The toll-free number, 1-888-518-4983, is available in both English and Spanish. The system delivers information on active FSA loans 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

During the first call to the new system, borrowers will enter their tax identification number or the Social Security Number associated with the loan. They also will need to enter their ZIP code. Borrowers will create a personal identification number for security. Customers must enter their PIN every time they use the system and may change their PIN. The system menu helps users' access helpful information. The system may also direct borrowers to contact their local FSA servicing office if action is necessary on their accounts.

Rural Youth Loans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans to individual rural youths age 10 through 20 to establish and operate income producing projects. These projects must be of modest size and be initiated, developed, carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H Clubs, FFA, or a similar organization or with a vocational teacher or county extension agent. The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. Contact your local FSA office for more details.

Direct and Guaranteed Loans Available

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 guaran-

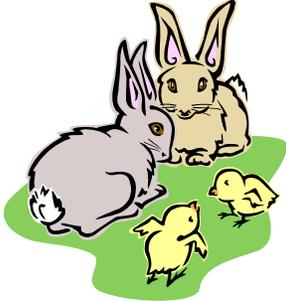
teed loans are available now.

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

Loan funds are available now — applying early is important so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

Most of our loan programs have special funding available for minority, female and beginning farmers.

FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.



VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

PRODUCERS WHO PURCHASED NAP COVERAGE FOR 2007 MUST COMPLETE AN ANNUAL ACREAGE REPORT BY JULY 15, 2007.

THIS MUST BE DONE EVERY YEAR!

YOU MUST ALSO REPORT YOUR 2006 HAY PRODUCTION BY JULY 15, 2007

CALL THE OFFICE, 738-6445 EXT. 2 FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS

Selected Interest Rates for April 2007	
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	5.25%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.50 %
Limited Resource Loans	5.00%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4.00%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans	4.50%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	6.0%

Information on Mormon Crickets

Nevada Department of Agriculture asks that you call them as soon as anyone sees a problem (generally, when the crickets are 1 to 2 miles from a ranch or farm). Early notice is the key. They expect crickets to begin emerging in late March. The ground will look like it's covered with fleas. Call: Jeff Knight 775-688-1182, ext. 245, Martin Larraneta, 775-623-6502 or Steve Marty, 775-688-1182 ext. 278



Dates to Remember

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May 28	Office closed for Memorial Day
June 15	Last day to complete 2007 Acreage reports for grain crops
July 15	Last day to complete 2007 Acreage Reports for all other crops
July 15	Last day to provide 2006 hay production.
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Visit our Web site http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nv	

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