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John Harvey Neill, a former CED in the Ely FSA Office, passed away March 21st. Services were conducted in Yerington at the Church of the Holy Family on March 30th. Harvey enjoyed the cowboy life and oftentimes strummed a guitar around the campfire in the evenings along with his buddies. A little-known fact is that Harvey recorded a CD under the name of "The Pinenut Mountain Man". His favorite song was "Strawberry Roan". Jim Doughty did an excellent rendition of this at the service for which he deserved, and received, an ovation. Harvey is remembered by all for his kind and gentle manner. He definitely put "gentle" in the word "gentleman". Until we meet again, happy trails, my friend.

NAP Reporting

For those producers that filed for NAP coverage, please remember that you need to **file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of the date the loss was first noticed.**

Acreage Reporting

Acreage reporting time is 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.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acreage reports are to be certified by the

June 15th deadline on small grains and the **July 15th** deadline on all other crops.

Acreage reports on crops for which NAP assistance may be paid are due in the county office by the earlier of **June 15th** for small grains and **July 15th** for all other crops, or **15 calendar days** before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

CoCoRaHS Welcome the Silver State

Nevada is one of the newest members of the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow (CoCoRaHS) Network. This volunteer, non-profit, precipitation measuring network kicked off on March 1st in Nevada. Anyone interested in watching and reporting the precipitation in their backyard, farm or ranch, is encouraged to register. There are no age restrictions or level of commitment.

The organization was formed after a deadly flood in Fort Collins, Colorado, resulted from heavy unreported rain by storm spotters. Requirements include an interest and willingness to watch your weather every day, have internet access to report observations on line, 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 April 7th at the Spanish Springs Library in Sparks from 10:30 to 12:30.

If interested, please visit the website at www.cocorahs.org or contact Laura,



Jim or Michelle, Nevada State Coordinators, at (775) 674-7010 or by email at corahs@dri.edu.

Payment Limits

USDA payments and benefits are subject to producer eligibility and limitation provisions as defined by law. It is the producer's responsibility to report changes in the farming operation which may affect payment eligibility and payment limitation. Failure to do so can result in ineligibility for payments for all years affected.

The following payments apply to DCP for each contract year through both direct and counter-cyclical payments. For all covered commodities, except peanuts: \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for counter-cyclical payments. The Environmental Quality Incentive Program has a \$450,000 payment limitation total for fiscal years 2002 – 2007.



Entities such as corporations, limited partnerships, trusts and estates are required to provide names, addresses, and ID numbers of their members.

Banking Changes?

If you have changed banks and have not notified FSA, your payment could be delayed. Payments are electronically transferred into your bank account. If we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers, there could be problems. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. It is important that any changes in producer's account such as type of account, bank mergers, routing number or account numbers, be provided to the county office promptly to avoid possible payment delay.



DCP Deadline Changes

FSA has changed the deadline for the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) until August 3rd, 2007, due to earlier problems with the Farm Service Agency's

computer network. A late-file fee of \$100 will be assessed only for farms that are enrolled after August 3rd, 2007, and before September 30th, 2007. This extension applies **only** to the enrollment time frame, and does not extend the annual DCP contract period of September 30th, 2007. Applications signed after September 30th, 2007, cannot be approved.

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. Spouses may not sign FSA-211's on behalf of each other or sign on behalf of the other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities. Spouses must have a Power of Attorney on file or sign personally for claim settlements, such as promissory notes, and on security documents for price support loans.

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

A spouse's authority to sign documents on behalf of the other spouse does not entitle the spouse to review or receive agency records of the other spouse.

WP County Snow Pack

Tim Stack and Clint Anderson risked life and limb (or so they told us) to determine the snow pack for White Pine County as of April 1st, 2007. The snow pack is well below average.

Some actual measurements are:

Baker Creek #1, 6" snow, 1.2" water, 21% of average.

Baker Creek #2, 27" snow, 7.8" water, 55% of average.

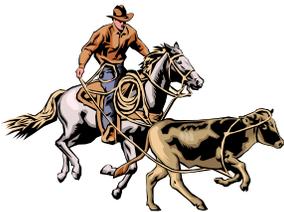
Baker Creek #3, 37" snow, 10.3" water,



60% of average.
Berry Creek, 48" snow, 12" water, 55% of average.
Corduroy Flat, 2" snow, 0.6" water, 13% of average.
Defiance Mines, 10" snow, 8.0" water, 44% of average.
Kalamazoo Creek, 10" snow, 1.9" water, 23% of average.
Ward Mountain, 18" of snow, 5.7" water, 47% of average.
Robinson Summit, 5" snow, 1.4" water, 350% above normal. The unusually high water content was due to wind drifting of snow and is not representative of the average year there which is .0.4" of water.

A warming trend in the latter part of March caused rapid snowmelt at all areas with the exception of Robinson Summit. Stream flows are predicted to be well below normal throughout the spring and early summer.

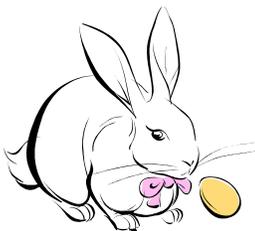
For more information, you may call NRCS at (775) 289-4065.



Selected Interest Rates for April 2007	
Farm Operating Loans -- Direct	5.250%
Farm Ownership Loans -- Direct	5.500%
Limited Resource Loans	5.000%
Farm Ownership Loans -- Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4.000%
Emergency Loans	3.750 %
Farm Storage Facility Loans	4.500%
Commodity Loans 1996--Present	6.000%

Rural Youth Loans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans to individual rural youths ages 10 through 20 to establish and operate income producing projects. These projects must be of modest size and be initiated, developed, and 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.

Shearing Time Again

Shearing time will soon be upon us. Don't forget to stop by your local FSA Office and complete the paperwork for LDP.

JUST A THOUGHT: Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make life by what we give."



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Dates to Remember	
Apr 30 – May 4	Office Closed – State Training - Reno
May 28	Memorial Day – Office Closed
Jun 15	2007 Acreage Report Deadline for Grain Crops
Jul 04	Independence Day - Office Closed
Jul 15	2007 Acreage Report Deadline for all Other Crops
Jul 15	Deadline to submit 2006 Production Information
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans

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