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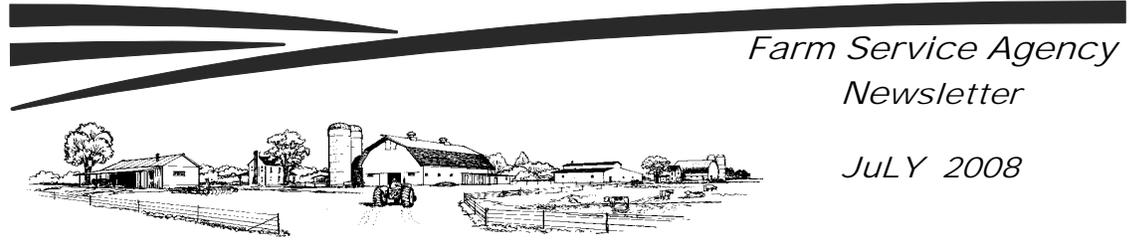
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and women in the
Armed Forces.**



Farm Service Agency
Newsletter

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IT'S TIME !

**Software is now on line, we are enrolling in DCP/CC
Program for 2008.**

It is imperative you call the office to schedule your appointment for enrollment. We will give you guidelines on the current requirements and the items you will need for enrollment.

The Deadline to enroll 9-30-08.



**All Cropland Certification Deadline has been
changed due to the late signing of the Farm Bill to
August 15, 2008**

(Cotton, Corn, etc., and all other land use to include Fallow)

Without late file fees assessed

2005-2007 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) Quality Loss

Producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quality losses of at least 25 percent to be eligible for CDP Quality Loss. Producers may receive assistance for both quantity and quality losses.

Pinal county FSA is now accepting applications for crops on Quality Loss for years 2005 through 2007. Please contact the office for requirements.

**COUNTY COMMITTEE
NOMINATIONS OPEN
FOR LAA 13 – East Pinal County**
(East of Casa Grande to include Chuichu
Road East; Florence-Eloy, Mammoth to
Superior)

June 15 through **Aug. 1st**, farmers and ranchers can nominate eligible peers or one's self as candidates for election to the Pinal County Farm Service Agency county committee.

Nominations may be you, another producer in same area, women in agriculture, minorities, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. All are encouraged to apply. The Farm and Rural Investment Act of 2002 significantly expanded the requirements of the agency to expand its county committee members to include all interested participants. All applications must be submitted on form FSA-669A available on website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections> , by mail or in person at Pinal County FSA Office.

“Our goal is to have as many eligible candidates nominated to serve on FSA county committees as possible. We want to encourage everyone to get involved,” said Debbie Hopkins, Pinal County Executive Director. This year we hope you'll consider nominating a farmer or rancher you know will make a real difference in his or her community.

Committees apply their judgment and knowledge to make decisions on county commodity price-support loan eligibility, establishment of bases and yields, conservation programs, disaster programs, employment and other farm program-related issues.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. Nominations and elections are open to all eligible candidates and voters without regard to race, color, religion, nation origin, age, sex, marital status or disability.



Items to review:

- ❖ Change in Banking*****
- ❖ Address & Phone Number ****Zip Codes**
- ❖ Change in ownership/lease+++++
- ❖ Signature Authority ****

2008 Reconstitutions

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act) was enacted into law on May 22, 2008. The 2008 Act provides that a producer on a farm may **not** receive direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments if the sum of the **base** acres of the farm is **10.0 or less**, except if the farm is owned by either a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher or a limited resource farmer or rancher.

Combination or reconstitution of the 10.0 **base acre** farm with another farm requested after the May 22, 2008 signing of the 2008 Act will not be approved by the County Committee. If land ownership changes, it may be combined at that time. To qualify for this exemption, the owners of each of the farms participating in the new combination must be identical and have identical shares in both farms.

All reconstitutions regardless of size must be requested by August 1, 2008 for farms participating in DCP/CC Program.

**Deadline for Prevented Planting
Sorghum
July 31, 2007**
**Be sure to call the office for
further information.**



USDA ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR 2005 - 2007 LCP AND LIP SIGN-UP

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Livestock producers have until July 18, 2008, to enroll in the 2005 – 2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Signup began on Sept. 10, 2007, for the two programs that provide aid to livestock producers who suffered eligible livestock or livestock feed losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 30, 2007, because of a natural disaster.

FSA encourage all eligible producers to enroll soon because sign-up ends on July 18, 2008, all applicable documentations must be in by deadline date.

The LIP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and contract growers who incurred the death of livestock because of a natural disaster.

The LCP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and cash lessees who suffered feed losses or increased feed costs because of a natural disaster.

2008 Crop Year Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP)

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act) was enacted into law on May 22, 2008. The 2008 act authorizes 2008 crop MAL's and LDP's on Barley, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Oats, Wheat, Honey, graded and non-graded Wool and Mohair.

Federal Regulations were filed on June 5, 2008 for administration of crop year 2008 MAL's and LDP's except cotton and peanuts.

Please contact your local FSA Office for additional guidelines as well as the current payment rates for each commodity.

PAYMENT LIMITATIONS CHANGES 2008

USDA payments and benefits are subject to producer eligibility and limitation provisions as defined by law. Documents and forms to determine eligibility and limitation, once completed, are reviewed on an annual basis.

It is the producer's responsibility to report changes in the farming operation that may affect payment eligibility and payment limitation.

2008 changes require that all Power of Attorney form(FSA-211) previously filed not marked "all current and all future programs" will be invalid and must be filed new for 2008 Program Year.

2008 Compliance

Compliance and spot checks will once again be utilized during the 2008 crop year. Instead of locally selecting farms, contracts, deficiency loans, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers is used to achieve a statistical sampling of participating producers. Spot check selections are to be conducted based on a producer's participation in Conservation 'reserve Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical program, Loan Deficiency Programs, et.

State and County Offices shall view and print their producer spot check lists as posted on the designated web site. If an entity is selected from the national database that is no longer farming or participating in the 2008 crop year, a notation shall be made on the spot check list. For more information about the new spot check selection procedure, feel free to contact your local Farm Service Agency office for additional clarification.

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

July	16 th	Pinal County Committee Meeting
	18 th	LCP-LIP Sign Up-DEADLINE
	31 st	Prevented-Planting Sorghum Deadline
August	15 th	All Cropland Certification Deadline
	20 th	Pinal County Committee Meeting

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Arizona State FSA Homepage: www.fsa.usda.gov/edso/az/az.htm

USDA eCommerce Home (forms web site): <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov/Main.asp>

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