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# *Juab County FSA News*

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## ***Acreage Reports***

We encourage all farmers to visit the office and report their planted acreage. **Acreage reports are required for producers participating in many of our programs such as the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for wool and grain crops.** In addition to reporting the type of crop planted in each field, we also need the planting date. **June 30, 2008 is the deadline to file acreage reports. Acreage reports filed after June 30<sup>th</sup> are considered late filed, and a \$46.00 late fee will be required.**

## ***Farm Records Changes***

Accurate records of your farming operation are necessary to properly administer FSA programs. If you have bought new land, sold land, leased new land, etc. please report the changes to our office. Failure to maintain accurate farm records with FSA could result in program ineligibility.

## ***Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) SIGN-UP DEADLINE 7/18/08***

Sign-up for LCP has been going on for several months but **the sign-up deadline of July 18, 2008 was just recently announced.**

On August 21, 2007 the Secretary of Agriculture designated Juab County and all counties in the state Disaster Areas because of drought, wildfires, etc. Therefore, all livestock producers in Juab County who suffered grazing losses or increased feed cost due to drought and wildfires in 2007 may be eligible for

benefits under this program.

Eligible livestock include beef cattle, dairy cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats, equine, swine, elk, and poultry. To be eligible, livestock must have been located in an eligible county on January 1, 2007 and must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation.

Please provide our office with the following information when you come in to apply:

**Animal numbers on January 1, 2007.** For beef and dairy cattle there are two categories, adult cattle and non-adult cattle. Adult cows are those that have had at least 1 offspring. Adult bulls are bulls at least 2 years old. Non-adult cattle are those that weighted at least 500 pounds or more on Jan. 1, 2007, but were not yet considered Adult. Calves under 500 pounds on Jan. 1, 2007 are not eligible.

**Acreage used for grazing livestock in 2007.** Producers who participated in the NAP program in 2007 have already reported this acreage. All other livestock producers will need to report their grazing acreage. Producers who run on BLM, Forest Service or State Lands must bring in their billing statements or permit if not already on file so that we can determine how many AUM's you are allotted during the grazing season.

Operations that do not have grazing acreage, such as dairies, can document increased feed cost or additional feed purchases because of drought conditions and qualify for the program.

All applications will be reviewed by the County Committee and some applica-



tions will be selected for spotcheck. Animal numbers need to be very accurate. If you are selected for spotcheck and are currently running fewer animals than certified to, you will be required to provide sales documentation/or other documentation showing what happened to the animals if you are selected for spotcheck.

The maximum payment rates per head under the program are:

Adult Beef	\$10.66
Non-Adult Beef	\$8.00
Adult Dairy	\$27.72
Non-Adult Dairy	\$8.00
Sheep	\$2.67
Goats	\$2.67
Equine	\$7.89

**Please remember the deadline to apply is July 18, 2008.**

***Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)***

The Livestock Indemnity Program provides monetary assistance to eligible livestock owners for livestock deaths that occurred in 2007 because of wildfires. If you had livestock deaths in 2007 because of wildfire, please contact the office. **The deadline to apply is July 18, 2008.**

***CRP HAYING AND GRAZING FOR CRITICAL FEED USE***

The Secretary of Agriculture recently announced that acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will be available for haying or grazing after the primary nesting season ends.

Prices for most field crops have advanced to record or near record levels in recent months, reflecting strong demand, tight supplies and competition for acres. The increased demand for commodities and resulting higher prices has impacted the livestock industry in particular. This has prompted the Secretary to authorize the nation wide use of CRP acreage for haying or grazing.

CRP participants will be required to make a request on form CRP-1M. All CRP participants who signed the original CRP contract are required to sign the CRP-1M.

CRP participants will also need to obtain a modified conservation plan from NRCS to provide for haying or grazing in a manner that is consistent with the conservation goals of CRP.

**No payment reduction will be assessed for any CRP participant requesting to hay or graze CRP acreage, but they will be required to pay a \$75.00 administrative fee for each CRP contract.** Eligible CRP acreage can be hayed or grazed regardless of whether it was hayed or grazed last year.

CRP Haying Provisions are:

No haying can be conducted during the bird nesting season, April 1 to July 15. **Haying can begin on July 16 and all hay must be removed by November 10, 2008.** Haying will be limited to 1 cutting and the same acreage cannot be hayed and grazed. Participants must leave 50 percent of each field unhayed for wildlife. CRP participants must re-establish at the participant's expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying under this critical feed use. **CRP participants can use the hay themselves or sell the hay for any price.**

CRP grazing provisions are:

No grazing can be conducted during the bird nesting season. **Grazing can begin on July 16 and all livestock must be removed by November 10, 2008.** Producers must leave 25 percent of each field ungrazed for wildlife or graze all of the CRP acreage at no more than 75 percent of the stocking rate, as determined by NRCS. **CRP participants can use the acreage for their own livestock, or they can lease grazing privileges to any other producer for any price.**

**CRP participants can request critical feed use for CRP beginning June 2, 2008. We encourage you to make the request at least 14 days before you plan to start the haying or grazing to allow the necessary administrative work to be completed.**

## ***County Committee Election***



The county committee election this year will be held in Local Administrative Area #3, the Levan Area. Producers in the area are encouraged to nominate candidates for the election. You can nominate yourself or any other producer in the area beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>. Nomination forms FSA 669A, can be obtained from the county office. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. Nomination forms must be returned to the FSA county office by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The election is held by mail. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3, and must be returned to the FSA county office by close of business on Dec. 1, or postmarked by Dec. 1, 2008.

## ***NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)***

Producers who have NAP coverage on crops such as non-irrigated alfalfa, oats hay, barley hay, grass hay, honey, etc. should submit production records from last year's crops to our office. These production records are used in calculating your own "Actual Production History" for your farm or unit. **June 30, 2008 is the deadline to submit 2007 crop year production records.**



Producers who have their crops or grazing land covered under NAP are reminded that a **Notice of Loss on form CCC-576, should be filed within 15 days of the disaster occurrence or date damage to the crop is apparent.** A timely filed Notice of Loss is needed so field inspections can be made to verify crop or grazing losses caused by damaging weather conditions.

## ***Designation by Land Owner Method of division for Base Acreage***

When cropland is sold or divided, land owners and purchasers have the option to use the designation by landowner

method to divide contract acres or commodity acreage bases. The division

is done in the manner agreed to by the original farm owner and the purchaser. The designation by landowner method may be used when any of the following apply:

- Part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred.
- An entire farm is sold to 2 or more persons.
- Farm ownership is transferred to 2 or more persons.

When the designation by landowner method is used in the transfer or sale of land, form FSA-155 "Request for Farm Reconstitution" must be signed by the buyer and seller agreeing to the division of the contract acres. A memorandum of understanding signed by the buyer and seller agreeing to the division of the contract acres may serve the same purpose.

## ***Power of Attorney***

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., FSA has a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information.

## ***Bank Account Changes***

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office staff if your account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to your account and routing numbers.

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### ***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.

### ***Faxed Signatures***

Most FSA program applications and forms that require a producer's signature may be accepted by facsimile (fax) machine. This does not include electronic signatures (e-mail or computer generated.) Certain forms require additional authorization forms be filed, or original signatures. Check with your County Office for applicability.

### ***New Farm Bill***

On May 22, 2008 The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 became law. With the passage of the New Farm Bill there will be new programs and changes to some existing programs. The Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) will continue under the new Farm Bill. At this time we are not authorized to enroll participants in the program. Please watch future newsletters for information about this and other new programs.

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