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Farm Service Agency

# Utah/Wasatch County News

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### Important Dates to Remember:

**TODAY** - For Wool LDP's:  
Sign CCC-633EZ Page 1  
before you begin shearing

**TODAY** - Report ANY  
CHANGES in your farm op-  
erating plan or bank ac-  
count

**March 27** COC Meeting

**April 24** - COC Meeting

**May 22** - COC Meeting

**May 26** - Office closed for  
Memorial Day

**June 26** - COC Meeting

**June 30** - Crop Reporting  
Deadline



## Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

Livestock producers in Beaver County who suffered forage losses due to drought in 2007 may be eligible for benefits under this program.

The program has been amended to include 2007. Producers must choose only one year for which to receive benefits. Producers who have already signed up for the 2006 year program, but who had more animal numbers in 2007, may want to come into the office and re-evaluate their application so that maximum benefits are received.

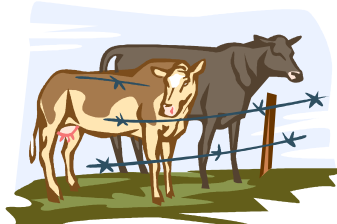
Eligible livestock include beef cattle, equine, elk, sheep and goats. To be eligible, livestock must have been located in an eligible county on January 1 of the applicable year and must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation.

Please provide our office with the following information when you co

me in to apply: Animal numbers on January 1, 2007.

- Producers who run on BLM, Forest Service or State Lands must bring in their billing statements for the applicable year so that we can determine how many AUM's you paid for during the grazing season.

**Note:** Animal numbers need to be very accurate. If you are selected to be spot checked and are currently running fewer animals than certified, you will be required to provide sales documentation/or other documentation showing what happened to the animals.



## Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

Farmers who suffered crop losses because of natural disasters may be eligible to receive benefits through the new Crop Disaster Program.

You may be eligible if you suffered losses from natural disasters that occurred in 2005, 2006 or 2007. The Crop Disaster Program has been amended to include all crops planted for the 2007 crop year. This would include all spring planted crops. Producers who filed a 2005 or 2006 Crop Disaster application may want to re-evaluate their 2007 losses to make sure maximum benefits are received under this program. Producers must have suffered losses in excess of 35 percent of their expected production to qualify.

Note: Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of the loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year for which to receive benefits. They may receive benefits for multiple crop losses if all were in the same crop year.

Eligible damaging conditions would include drought, excessive moisture, hail, excessive wind and freeze. Don't miss this opportunity to receive benefits for crop losses you may have suffered between 2005-2007. Please call ahead for an appointment.

## 2008 Wool LDP Sign up

Before you begin shearing this year, it is extremely important that you have a completed and signed CCC-633 EZ, page 1 on file with this office. If you lose beneficial interest in the wool before your signed CCC-633 EZ, page 1 is on file with this office, you will lose your eligibility to participate in this program.

This indicates your intention to receive LDP benefits and maintains your eligibility to participate in the program.

Once the form is signed, you can submit a LDP request for payment at any time during the loan availability period. You will need to bring your wool receipts with you when applying for payment.

## Crop Acreage Reporting

Acreage reporting time will soon be here. 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 FSA programs. The deadline to report is **June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Reports filed after the deadline will be required to pay a \$46 late fee. Accurate planted acres and planting dates are needed to complete your acreage reports. Appointments to report planted acreage will be mailed to participants on a yellow postcard. If you are unable to make your appointment please contact the office at (801) 377-5296 to reschedule.

## Non Insured Assistance Program

We would like to remind all participants in the NAP Program that Notices of Loss must be filed timely. You must file a Notice of Loss in writing on Form CCC-576 within 15 days of when the loss occurred or when it became apparent to you. There were producers in 2007 that had Notices of Loss disapproved because they were not filed timely. As a general rule of thumb, the latest that Notices of Loss will be accepted will be within 15 days of the final harvest on crops and before the first snowfall on acreage intended for grazing.

Please remember that NAP coverage is based on intended use of the crop. If you report a crop with an intended use of forage or seed and decide to change the use of the crop including destruction of the crop without harvest or grazing, you must notify our office and request that the crop be appraised. Failure to do so may result in a loss of payment or a reduced payment. If your production will be fed or disposed of without a verifiable record, it would be a good idea to request an appraisal so your production can be documented in an acceptable manner. Failure to provide adequate documentation of production may reduce your actual production history (APH) yield in a future year. Production information is due by the final reporting date of the succeeding year in which the crop was produced. In most cases for Utah/Wasatch Counties, this would be June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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