



**DISTRICT 1 – Cheyenne – Decatur – Gove – Greeley – Logan – Norton – Rawlins – Sheridan
Sherman – Thomas – Wallace – Wichita**

November 2007

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

Signup began October 15 for producers with crop production losses in excess of 35 percent in 2005, 2006, or 2007. No signup ending date has been announced. Contact your county FSA office to schedule an appointment to signup.

If you had qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007, you must choose only one year to receive benefits. You can apply for losses on multiple crops, but must all be in the same crop year. If choosing 2007, the crops must have been planted or prevented from being planted before Feb. 28, 2007.

Only producers with crop insurance on grain crops, or Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage are eligible for CDP.

We receive a download/report from the Risk Management Agency (RMA) who oversees the crop insurance companies. This download/report normally provides the information needed to complete the CDP application. In those situations when the information is not provided on the RMA download/report, you will be responsible for:

- ✓ Providing production records (i.e. delivery or settlement sheets),
- ✓ Summarizing production evidence and
- ✓ Compiling an entire units' information into a report/format that can be easily understood.

A units' total CDP payment can't exceed 95% of what the value of the crop would have been in the absence of a loss.

Another signup for 'quality' losses will be announced at a later date.

2007 LOAN RATES

County	HRW Wheat (bu)	Corn (bu)	Milo (cwt)	Sunflr (cwt)	Soy beans (bu)
Cheyenne	\$2.81	\$1.95	\$3.16	\$9.07	\$4.63
Decatur	\$2.80	\$1.94	\$3.05	\$8.75	\$4.65
Gove	\$2.82	\$2.02	\$3.20	\$8.75	\$4.71
Greeley	\$2.74	\$2.08	\$3.36	\$8.95	\$4.71
Logan	\$2.83	\$2.03	\$3.17	\$8.82	\$4.71
Norton	\$2.80	\$1.96	\$3.09	\$8.67	\$4.67
Rawlins	\$2.80	\$1.97	\$3.18	\$9.09	\$4.66
Sheridan	\$2.79	\$1.96	\$3.19	\$8.75	\$4.66
Sherman	\$2.80	\$1.97	\$3.15	\$9.10	\$4.68
Thomas	\$2.84	\$1.98	\$3.21	\$8.82	\$4.65
Wallace	\$2.78	\$2.04	\$3.26	\$9.02	\$4.71
Wichita	\$2.74	\$2.07	\$3.33	\$8.75	\$4.79

2007 CROP LOANS

If you want to hold your crop for later sale, but need cash now one of our warehouse or farm stored loans may be for you. Loans can be repaid at any time up to maturity 9 months after disbursement. You pay warehouse storage through the maturity date, but if you sell early you get a refund.

Farm stored bins must have inside and outside ladders and provide sufficient head room so a commodity inspector can get inside to sample the grain. Measurement service is available to determine the quantity or you can certify to the quantity.

LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

Signup started Sept. 10, 2007, for the **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)**, and **Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)**. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive compensation for livestock death losses under LIP, or for feed losses or additional feed costs under LCP. Losses must have occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. Both programs have a separate \$80,000 per person payment limitation.

LIP - provides payments to eligible livestock owners and livestock contract growers, for livestock deaths that occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, in eligible disaster designated counties as a result of an eligible disaster event. Drought is not an eligible disaster event under LIP. Eligible owners must have owned the livestock on the day they died in an eligible county as a direct result of the disaster event. The livestock must have died no later than 60 days from the disaster event ending date, but before February 28, 2007. Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, catfish, chickens, crawfish, deer, ducks, equine, geese, goats, reindeer, sheep, swine, and turkeys that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes. Eligible livestock for contract growers includes poultry and swine. Documentation must be provided with the FSA-900 application to prove kind, type, weight and number of livestock that died, and evidence that supports date, location and cause of death.

LCP - provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. Eligible livestock must have been owned on the start date of the disaster designation and have been physically located in the disaster county. Livestock owners must have suffered an eligible feed loss from produced, or purchased forage or feedstuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of the disaster event. Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, deer, elk, equine, goats, reindeer, poultry, sheep, and swine that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes. Documentation must be provided with the FSA-901 application to prove the feed loss or any additional feed costs occurring as a direct result of an eligible disaster event.

COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC) ELECTION

FSA county committee elections are underway. Ballots are mailed to 1/3 of the county where the 3 yr term of the member is expiring. Unsigned ballots, those received or postmarked after Dec. 3, 2007, or incorrectly completed are not counted.

CONTINUOUS CRP ACRES AVAILABLE

Continuous CRP acres are available without necessity to submit a competitive bid for CP-33 Habitat Buffer for Upland Birds. The buffers are installed around the perimeter of the field (like a picture frame) or at a minimum, in areas where runoff enters or leaves the field. These acres are available through Dec. 31, 2007, first come, first served.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to purchase and install eligible storage facilities, to permanently affix drying or handling equipment, safety equipment or to remodel existing facilities. Real estate liens are required for loans that exceed \$50,000. Loans are secured with a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85% of the net cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A 15% down payment is required.

NAP COVERAGE

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides insurance coverage for crops not covered through normal crop insurance policies. NAP pays 55 percent of the average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater. The fee is \$100 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$300 per producer per administrative county and a \$900 maximum fee for multi-county producers. Interested producers must pay the fee and file form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, by the application closing deadline. The application deadline date for the 2008 NAP coverage is.

- December 1 for all grasses including 'native grass pastures' alfalfa, clover, honey, and mixed forage.
- March 15 for sorghum forage (feed), vegetables/melons.

FOREIGN INVESTORS

Foreign investors, who buy, sell, or hold a direct or indirect interest in US agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the Farm Service Agency. Reports must be made within 90 days of the date of the transaction by completing Form FSA-153. This form can be obtained at any FSA county office. Failure to report results in a civil penalty of 25 percent of the fair market value of the land on the date the penalty is assessed. .

EMERGENCY LOANS

To qualify provide evidence of a qualifying production loss of at least 30% to at least one cropping enterprise. Also covered are physical losses to installations, equipment, livestock or buildings. Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses. Interest rate 3.75%. Current disaster designations:

Designation & Counties	Disaster & Date	Application Deadline
N894 CN,GO,RA,SH	Tornado, High Wind 3-28-07	01-03-08
N902 CN	Hail, Wind, Tornado 2-21-07 to 5-22-07	01-03-08
S2525 GO, NT, SD	Freeze 4-4-07 to 4-10-07	02-15-08
S2558 RA	Flood, Hail, High Wind 1-01-07 & continuing	04-09-08
S2593 GO, NT, DC, GL LG, SD, TH, WH	Hail, Wind, Flood 5-22-07 to 6-19-07	05-27-08

Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impaired. Please call your local FSA office and we will be happy to make any necessary arrangements.

DIRECT & GUARANTEED LOANS

FSA makes loans directly to the borrower or will guarantee loans made by commercial lenders to farm operators who want to buy farm land, livestock, equipment, or need operating money.

To qualify for a direct loan, applicants must have sufficient repayment ability and loan collateral, and be unable to obtain credit elsewhere. Loans may be considered for up to 100% of security value.

If you want to do business with a commercial lender, the lender may want a guarantee on the loan. The bank applies to FSA for the guarantee. Often a combination of our direct and guaranteed financing is used.

Direct loans available:

- Farm operating loans
- Farm ownership loans
- Beginning farmer operating (less than 10 yrs farming)
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- Youth loans up to \$5,000 (10-20 year olds)
- Socially Disadvantaged operating (females & minorities)
- Socially Disadvantaged ownership (females & minorities)
- Emergency operating loans (weather related)

Guaranteed loans available:

- Farm operating loans
- Farm ownership loans

FSA OFFICE LOCATOR

County	Location	Telephone
Cheyenne	W. Hwy 36, Box 767 St. Francis 67756	785-332-2183
Decatur	410 S Buffalo, Box 147 Oberlin 67749	785-475-3131
Gove	320 Broad, Box 98 Gove 67736	785-938-2270
Greeley	129 E Greeley, Box708 Tribune 67879	620-376-4332
Logan	1015 W. 2 nd Oakley 67748	785-672-4861
Norton	11640 Pineview Drive Norton 67654	785-877-5156
Rawlins	1001 Sherman,Box25 Atwood 67730	785-626-3149
Sheridan	1100 N Main, Box257 Hoxie 67740	785-675-3591
Sherman	210 W. 10 th Goodland 67735	785-899-3070
Thomas	915 E Walnut Colby, KS 67701	785-462-7671
Wallace	115 E. 6 th , Box 608 Sharon Springs67758	785-852-4213
Wichita	612 W Broadway Box340 Leoti 67861	620-375-2332

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