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# Lea County News

## Lea County USDA Service Center

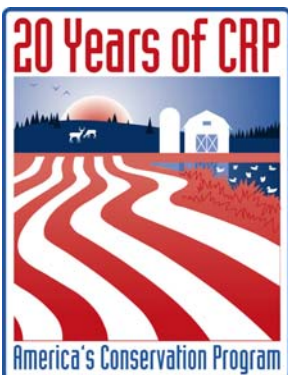
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**County Committee**  
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County Committee meets  
the third Tuesday of each  
month.

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## Weed Control

Following the beneficial rains received in September and October, the county office has received reports of tumbleweeds on CRP and idle DCP acreage. **If your farm has tumbleweeds or other noxious weeds, take action immediately. Do not allow them to become a problem and blow onto your neighbors!**

## Emergency & Managed CRP Haying and Grazing

Emergency Grazing provisions are still in effect for Lea County until **Nov. 30**. Producers who are participating in managed haying or grazing should have removed their livestock or completed their haying activities by **Oct. 25**.

**Payment reductions for emergency or managed grazing not due to wildfire losses were reduced to 10 percent from 25 percent of the annual contract payment on hayed or grazed acres.**

## Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

**Beginning Oct. 1, producers may sign up their eligible farms in DCP for 2007 until June 1, 2007.** Farms signed up after that date may be late filed for a **\$100 fee**.

Advance direct payments may be requested as early as December 2006. Because of legislation passed in Congress in 2006, the advance direct payment will only be **25 percent** of the total direct payment on participating farms.

First advance counter-cyclical payments for 2006 have been processed for Cotton & Peanuts. You should be receiving these statements in the mail soon.

## COC Election

Ballots for LAA-1 will be mailed to voters from Kansas City on Nov. 3. Nominees to represent LAA-1 are: Larry Byrum, John Ingle, and Kallie Wilhoit-Richards. Ballots must be returned to the county office or post-marked by Dec. 4.

## Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Deadline to purchase NAP coverage on Native Grass for grazing is January 31 for the 2007 year.

Remember to notify the county office within 72 hours of any disaster event and file a notice of loss within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent. **Deadline to file a notice of loss on native grass is Nov. 1.** It is unlikely that there will be a loss greater than 50 percent in Lea County due to the abundant rainfall we have received the last half of this year.

## Farm Changes & Changes in Operation

If there will be changes on your farm for the 2007 crop year or if there are changes in the way in which you operate, let the county office as soon as possible. Depending upon the scope of the changes you make, they can have adverse affects on your participation in FSA programs, including reducing or delaying your payments.

## Beneficial Interest Policy for Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs)

To obtain MAL or LDP, producers must maintain beneficial interest in the commodity at the



time of request. Beneficial interest is defined as control or title to the commodity. A producer has control of the commodity if the producer retains the ability to make all decisions affecting the commodity and all risk of loss associated with producing and maintaining the quality and quantity of the commodity. A producer may be considered to have title to the commodity if the producer has not sold or delivered the commodity for market, including the delivery of warehouse receipts.

Deliveries of a commodity to entities such as a dairy, feedlot, pit, ethanol plant, wool pool, feed mill, or any other unapproved storage facility, will result in the loss of beneficial interest on the date of delivery,

**REGARDLESS** of any other action or agreement between such an entity and the producer.

### **Emergency Conservation Program Sign-up**

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funding to address wildfire damage in Lea County **HAS BEEN APPROVED**. Lea County has been allocated funds to cost-share restoration of permanent fencing for producers

Dates to Remember	
Oct. 30-31	County Office closed due to training in Clovis, NM
November 10	Veterans Day Holiday – Office Closed.
November 20	Deadline to apply for NAP coverage on apples, apricots, cherries, caneberrries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, pistachios, plums
November 23	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
December 1	Deadline to apply for NAP coverage on honey, lettuce
December 4	Deadline to return or post-mark ballots for COC election

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who suffered losses due to wildfire. Deadline to apply for ECP has passed. If you are receiving compensation for disaster from any other sources, you cannot collect ECP. Please contact the county office if your eligibility changes.

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