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Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) Application Sign-Up Remains Open!

Uinta County Producers are reminded that the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) application period remains open at this time. At this time we have issued \$23,237.00 in program payments to date. An estimated \$141,224.00 in payments is pending application approval by the Uinta County Committee.

We do require documentation to support your information as listed on the application, please call ahead to schedule an appointment. Kimberly will go over what you need to bring with you to support your application. You will also be required to complete payment eligibility paperwork at the time you make application for the program.

I encourage you to look into this program. Payment amounts vary and are dependent upon your individual operation. Taking the time to make application will help generate needed funds to offset the high cost of hay and fuel, and the extremely high fertilizer costs this spring. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity before it is no longer available.

From an agricultural business standpoint, can one afford not to consider this program?

Refer to the calculation worksheet on page three of this newsletter to estimate a potential payment.

***2008 Report of Commodities
(Crop Acreage Report of Intended Uses)***

To date, we have mailed out 75% of the 2008 Report of Commodities or the Crop Acreage Report of Intended Use. For those of you who have already received your report(s) in the mail please take a few moments to review the information. You will need to sign and date the sheet(s) as marked. Returning this information assures that your data is on file should a program require these reports. We plan to have the remaining reports out in the mail as soon as possible. The deadline line to return your 2008 Crop Acreage Report(s) is JULY 01, 2008! Late file acreage reports are assessed a penalty fee so please return your reports promptly. Thank you to those of you who have already returned your signed 2008 report(s).

Example: For 2006 or 2007 under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) your Crop Acreage Report data has been instrumental in assuring that applicants receive credit for all owned or operated (leased) acres.

SOMETHING NEW ON THE HORIZON!!! In 2009, you will see a new type of aerial maps which will be different from the aerial photocopies being sent to you at this time. We are getting very close to being "certified" to use our new Global Information Systems (GIS) maps. The new photos will make it much easier to view your owned or leased properties. We are excited about this new process and believe that you will find the new GIS maps an easier reference copy. However this year (2008), you will still be receiving the old aerial map copies.

With much appreciation we wish to extend our hearty thanks to Miss Terra Lance who worked on our GIS Mapping Project. Miss Lance was a temporary employee, and due to budget constraints the State FSA Director determined it necessary to release temporary employees in the state. We appreciate Miss Lance's effort and wish her well in her future endeavors! Thank you Terra!

***** 2008 Non Insured Assistance Program (NAP) Notifications *****

2008 NAP participants are reminded that they must submit their 2007 acreage production report in order for your NAP Actual Production Yield (APH) to be calculated. If you have not yet submitted your 2007 production please do so promptly. The deadline for the APH yield calculation report to be signed is July 01, 2008. (No exceptions.) You will be mailed your report for review and signature.

2008 NAP Participants are also reminded that you will need to file a 2008 Notice of Loss within 15 days of the date the crop loss is apparent. Remember, you must stand the first 50% of the loss, then NAP covers 55% of the loss over and above the initial 50% loss. Example: You suffer a 65% loss; NAP would cover 55% of the 15% above the initial 50%. A NAP notice of loss must be filed here in the county office. Long range weather forecasts still indicate that Uinta County may continue to experience drought conditions through the year. Hopefully the irrigation reservoirs will fill to capacity and provide ample irrigation water to help avoid the need to file NAP Notices of Loss.

2008 NAP Participants who are signed up for grazing coverage will need to timely file a NAP Grazing Loss as soon as it is apparent that you suffered more than a 50% loss in grazing. Remember, this includes all owned or lease land, Forest and BLM lands, as applicable. Proof of your federal land leases are required and will need to be on file with this office, as well as any private land leases you may hold.

Breaking up "sod" this spring?

If you plan to break up new land, sod or very old cropland that has gone back to pasture, you need to contact this office *prior* to planting a crop. To be in compliance with sodbuster provisions you must first notify this office, Farm Service Agency, of the area to be broken out and file a revised form AD-1026. We will then identify the "field" boundary and refer the proposed land to be broken up to NRCS for a highly erodible land determination. If the land to be broken up and farmed is highly erodible you must comply with the conservation plan developed by NRCS. Contacting NRCS and getting their concurrence to break up this land without first contacting this office to complete the necessary paperwork does not constitute compliance with sodbuster provisions. Producers who violate sodbuster provisions risk becoming ineligible for program benefits through USDA.

Wool / Mohair Loan Deficiency Program (LDP)

The consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 authorizes Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payment programs for 2008 crops of wool, mohair and unshorn pelts. The Act authorizes FSA to accept and process 2008 application requests through **April 18, 2008**. Forms that must be completed and submitted by this date include pages 1 and 4 of form CCC-633EZ. Page 1 - MUST be filed before you lose beneficial interest (the control of the commodity before selling or contracting. Page 4 can be filed before or after you deliver the wool to the buyer. If page 4 is filed before delivery to a buyer you can "certify" to a quantity of wool (certify on the light side to avoid a refund due to an overage above the totals pounds actually marketed). In order to certify to a quantity the commodity (wool, mohair) must be in existence - meaning it must be shorn. *Note:* This change in the application deadline is effective because of the above mentioned Act. We do not know how this program will be impacted by the new farm bill. Watch this newsletter for further details as they are made known.

2008 Farm Bill Status

To date, we have received no formal announcement concerning the 2008 Farm Bill. As the new Farm Bill and the program regulations are made available, you will be notified by means of this newsletter.

Spring really is coming... maybe just in time for summer!

Kimberly Nusbaum, PT has prepared a *simple worksheet example* for you to use to calculate what kind of payment you may be eligible for in either the 2006 or 2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP).

This worksheet is not an official Farm Service Agency program document.

Enter the number of head of each type of livestock you owned on **January 1st** of the year you would like to apply for. Multiply number by payment rate per head for that type of livestock and total.

Livestock Calculation				
Type			Payment Rate/Head	
Cows		x	\$10.66	=
Bulls		x	\$10.66	=
Non-Adult Cattle (500 lbs. or more)		x	\$8.00	=
Horses		x	\$7.89	=
Sheep		x	\$2.67	=

Total

To figure your forage loss for privately owned ground, enter how many **NON-IRRIGATED GRAZING** acres you own/lease and divide that number by thirty. Multiply the result, Maximum Animal Units, by the number of days grazed, the daily value of forage and **YOUR** percent of GRAZING loss for whichever year you incurred a loss. For federally owned ground, enter allotment and AUMs for that allotment. For this calculation AUMs are converted to AUDs, so multiply AUMs by 30. Then, multiply AUDs by the daily forage value and **YOUR** percent of GRAZING loss on that ground for whichever year you incurred a loss.

Forage Loss										
Non-Irrigated Grazing Acres		Carrying Capacity		Max. Animal Units		No. of Days Normally Grazed		Daily Value of Forage		Producer % of Loss
	÷	30	=		x	148	x	0.3553	x	

Allotment	AUMs		Conversion		AUDs		Daily Value of Forage		Producer % of Loss
		x	30	=		x	0.3553	x	
		x	30	=		x	0.3553	x	
		x	30	=		x	0.3553	x	

Total

The lesser number of the livestock calculation or the forage loss calculation would be an estimate of the kind of payment you could receive from this program.

For this program, producers are eligible to apply for either 2006 or 2007 in Uinta County. It seems that 2006 was a worse year for grazing, therefore would be the most beneficial year to apply for benefits; however, depending on the individual operation it may pay to see what kind of a payment you might receive for 2007 losses. If you feel that this program could help you, please contact the office for an appointment at 787-3859.

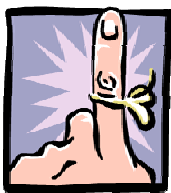
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Have YOU Applied for your Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) Benefits?

IMPORTANT DATES to REMEMBER



Program Reminders

Now available	LCP, CDP Applications for 2006 or 2007, by Appointment.
May 26, 2008	Office Closed – Memorial Day Holiday.
July 01, 2008	Deadline for 2008 Crop Acreage Reporting – Reports must be signed!
July 01, 2008	Final date to submit NAP Production Evidence for 2007 Crops
July 01, 2008	Actual Production History Yields signed for 2008 NAP Applicants
July 04, 2008	Office Closed – Fourth of July Holiday
Anytime	Sign-up for Continuous CRP
Monthly Office Visit	Loan assistance – Brian Harrell, Farm Manager - Call ahead for an appointment
Monthly	FSA County Committee Meetings - Tentatively Third Wednesday at 1:00 P.M.

IMMEDIATELY: Notify FSA of any changes that would affect Payment Limitations, Farm Record Changes.
 I.E.: Sold or purchased land, or changes in lease(s,) or operator changes, etc.
 Report Direct Deposit changes / Change of Bank and/or Bank Name Changes.

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