



QUAY COUNTY PLAINS AND VALLEY VIEWS

Farm Service Agency



September 2008

IMPORTANT DATES

September 1	Labor Day Holiday	
September 22	Autumn Begins	
September 15	2008 Final Acreage Reporting Deadline for All Crops	
September 16	Buy-in deadline for 2008 permanent disaster program eligibility	
September 30	Deadline to enroll for the 2008 Farm Program (DCP) Deadline to purchase NAP Wheat & Triticale Graze & Forage coverage extended to Dec 1	

October 2008

IMPORTANT DATES

October 13	Columbus Day-- Office will be closed	
October 15	Grazing pull off date for Critical Feed Use Category B & C applicants approved after July 8	
October 31	Halloween	

ATTENTION

Due to the much needed rain, it has become apparent that some producers have not been controlling weeds on their fields. DCP program provisions require that you control the weeds on your fields. We recognize that at times it has been hard to get that done because of the rain, but as fields dry out you need to at least shred the weeds to keep them from blowing into your neighbor's property. Failure to comply with program provisions could cost you your 2009 DCP payment. Please be a good steward and neighbor and control those weeds.

Keep your records current!!!

Please contact our FSA office when changes occur with your farm operation. This includes farm operator, owner, and address changes. It is particularly important to make sure FSA is informed of any changes in the management or operational structure of your farm. If you have formed or dissolved a partnership, corporation, trust, limited liability company, or any other similar entity, it is critical that you inform FSA to assure program eligibility. Discrepancies in how you do business can affect USDA benefits.

2008 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

The following are upcoming deadlines for the county committee election for LAA#1 (Nara Visa, Logan, San Jon communities, area south of San Jon to the caprock and areas East to the state line.

November 3, 2008 - Ballots mailed to eligible voters.

December 1, 2008 - Last day to return voted ballots to the USDA Service Center.

January 1, 2009 - Newly elected committee members take office.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

NAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by crop losses due to natural disasters. **Obtaining NAP coverage also ensures eligibility should various disaster programs included in the 2008 Farm Bill be implemented.** Eligible crops include commercial crops and other agricultural commodities produced for food (including livestock feed) or fiber for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. Crops are grouped by FSA for coverage and loss determination purposes. NAP covers losses greater than 50% of your expected production at 55% of the historical average market price.

How to apply: File a CCC-471, Application for Coverage, with the local FSA office and pay the applicable service fee.

What is the cost? \$250 per crop per county, up to \$750 per producer per county, not to exceed \$1875 per producer for all counties.

IMPORTANT: Note the change from \$100 per crop to \$250 per crop!

Once paid, the fee is not refundable.

Deadline: The application must be made and the service fee paid by the application closing date for the crop. Contact your local FSA Office for application closing dates for specific crops you are growing or planning to grow.

Upcoming Purchase Deadlines for Quay County:

September 30—Wheat, Triticale, Oats NOTE: This deadline is extended to December 1 for 2009 crops only

January 31—Alfalfa, Grass, Mixed Forage

March 15—Sorghum Forages, Millet, Corn

Young Ranchers could take advantage of FSA Loans to get started in agriculture. Visit with Rhonda Lewis, Farm Loan Manager to discuss other farm loans available. Ms Lewis, FLM, comes to the Quay County Office on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month. Office hours are 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Call 575-374-9461 ext 2 to schedule an appointment at the Quay office.

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Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Attention

This office will resume closing to the public on Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:30 PM. This 'quiet time' will enable us to process paperwork and payments in a timely manner.

County Committee

Donald Carter-Chairman
David Rush-Vice Chairman
Donnie Bidegain-Member

COC Regular Meetings

The second Wednesday

2008 Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)

Sign up period began June 25, 2008 and will end September 30, 2008. If you have not enrolled or heard from us contact the local office to get the paperwork processed.

The Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for the 2008-2012 crop year. There are two types of DCP payments—direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Both are computed using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm.

To be eligible for DCP payments, owner, operators, landlords, tenants, or sharecroppers must:

- share in the risk of producing a crop on base acres on a farm enrolled in DCP and be entitled to share in the crop available for marketing from the base acres or would have shared had a crop been produced;
- annually report the use of the farm's cropland acreage;
- comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements on all of their land;
- comply with planting flexibility requirements;
- use the base acres for agricultural or related activities;
- protect all base acres from erosion, including providing sufficient cover as determined necessary by the county committee and control weeds.

The 2008 Farm Bill continues the direct payments that began under the Farm Bill of 2002.

In addition to direct payments the 2008 Farm Bill authorizes counter-cyclical payments, which provide support counter to the cycle of market prices as part of a "safety net" in the event of low crop prices. Counter-cyclical payments for a commodity are only issued if the effective price for a commodity is below the target price for the commodity.

For each commodity, the total direct and counter-cyclical payments are calculated on 85 percent of the farm's base acreage times the farm's direct or CC yields times the appropriate payment rate.

For crop year 2008, producers may elect to receive their direct payments in 2 installments:

- The first advance payment is 22 percent as soon as practical after enrollment
- The balance is available in October of the crop year.
- If no advance payment is taken, the entire direct payment will be in October.

Counter-cyclical payments may be issued advance payments if requested.

Farms with base acres that total 10.0 acres or less will not receive payments unless wholly owned by a socially disadvantaged or limited resource producer.

The payment limitation for 2008 is \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for counter-cyclical payments for covered commodities and peanuts.

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