



De Baca County

**Jul/Aug/Sep
2011**

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Chair

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Monthly meetings
held the 3rd Thursday
of each month at 1:30
p.m.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1	Nesting Season Ends
July 4	OFFICE CLOSED-Independence Day
July 15	Deadline to certify: Spring seeded crops & CRP
August 1	Postmark Deadline for nominations for COC Election (LAA-1)
August 8-16	See Leave Schedule
September 1	Deadline to purchase NAP for: Garlic, Onions, Sod Grass
September 5	OFFICE CLOSED-Labor Day

During the week of August 8-16, our PT will be traveling as the Southwest Area Negotiations Consultant for the NASCOE National Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. Personnel will be limited during these times due to leave schedule. Please feel free to call ahead to verify availability of CED to assist you with your needs.

DCP SIGNUP: Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) ended June 1st. Eligible producers will receive direct payments during the month of October.

CRP General Signup - Notification of accepted and rejected offers was distributed to county offices on June 13th. All producers who had pending offers in De Baca County have been notified of status.

The De Baca County FSA Committee applied for **Emergency CRP grazing** and received notification that the request has been approved. All currently enrolled CRP producers have been notified that they are eligible to graze beginning immediately and through September 30, 2011 unless the County Committee determines that emergency grazing is no longer necessary.

REMINDER: Candidate nominations for the FSA County Committee election will be accepted through August 1, 2011. Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) applications are currently being processed. De Baca County has reached the D3/Tier 3 payment level which is the maximum. However, due to a rollout in new mapping and eligibility software, there have been some major delays in processing but producers will be notified as applications are ready to sign. If you have not provided your 2011 Notice of Value for all livestock, please do so either in person, by mail or Fax (575) 355-7437. Producers must be enrolled in NAP, unless "Socially Disadvantaged," "Limited Resource," or Beginning Farmer/Rancher." Eligible producers must own, cash or share lease on date of the qualifying drought, April 15, 2011. FSA will calculate LFP payments at a payment rate equal to 60 percent of the lesser of 1) the monthly feed cost for all covered livestock owned or leased by the producer, or 2) calculated by using the normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land of the eligible producer. Total LFP payments will not exceed three monthly payments for the same livestock. Payment limitations apply.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service EQIP/WHIP Program Update: The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that helps producers install conservation practices to protect the soil, water, air, and other natural resources on their farms or ranches. Through EQIP, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides funding and technical assistance to help with the installation of conservation practices that protect natural resources. The signup for EQIP is continuous and applications may be submitted at any time.

EQIP funding is available to treat natural resources on such land uses as Grazing Lands and Irrigated Cropland. Typical practices that are installed on Grazing Lands are brush management, watering facilities, livestock pipelines, and cross fencing. The practices related to Irrigated Cropland include irrigation ditch lining, irrigation pipelines, structures for water control and land leveling.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service also administers the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). WHIP is also a voluntary program that assists private landowners or managers in efforts to restore and enhance native wildlife habitat on private land. Through WHIP, the NRCS will provide financial and technical assistance for the development and restoration of upland, grassland, wetland, and aquatic wildlife habitat.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program provides additional funding opportunities to individuals and/or entities who qualify as Beginning Farmer-Rancher, Socially Disadvantaged Farmer, or Limited Resource Farmer-Rancher. For more information or to submit an application please visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office located at 101 S. Stearns Fort Sumner, NM or call (575) 355-2448 ext. 3.

Secretary Vilsack has designated 15 New Mexico Counties as a primary natural disaster area. USDA has determined that there have been sufficient production losses caused by drought and related disasters, including high winds and wildfires. Primary counties are: Catron, Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Dona Ana, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Lea, Luna, Otero, Quay, Roosevelt, Sierra and Socorro.

In addition to the 15 primary counties, 8 other New Mexico counties have been named contiguous counties: Cibola, Guadalupe, Harding, Lincoln, San Miguel, Torrance, Union and Valencia.

Also, counties in an adjacent State that are contiguous to one or more of the designated 15 primary counties are named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. The affected States and counties are: For Arizona (3): Apache, Cochise and Greenlee; and for Texas (15): Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Culberson, Deaf Smith, El Paso, Gaines, Hartley, Hudspeth, Loving, Oldham, Parmer, Reeves, Winkler and Yoakum

This designation allows eligible farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties to be considered for assistance from FSA, provided the eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes: FSA Emergency Loans (deadline to apply February 6, 2012 and be for production losses associated with this drought disaster), and Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program (Signup for 2011 SURE will be announced at a later date).