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Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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Closed on July 4th
in observance of
Independence Day

CONVERSION TO GIS
EFFECTIVE
OCTOBER 1, 2005

The Yolo County FSA Office has created a new set of computer-generated maps for each farm. The process of measuring each field resulted in changes in some acreages previously used by FSA. Earlier measurement methods were not as accurate as legal surveys, but met the needs of USDA programs. Tests have shown that acreage calculations using computer software are equal to or slightly more accurate than the methods FSA has used in the past.

The process of converting to the new Geographic Information System (GIS) will eventually allow producers to file acreage reports and print maps from a personal computer if they wish.

Field measurements under GIS will go into effect on October 1, 2005. Maps are available for review in the County Office by appointment or by mail. If field boundaries are incorrectly placed, producers may request

that FSA remeasure the fields so appropriate corrections can be made. Please note that the determination of the acres may not be appealed.

DCP SUCCESSION-
IN-INTEREST

The transfer or change in the interest of producers on a farm in base acres for which direct or counter-cyclical payments are made will result in the termination of the payments with respect to the base acres unless the transferee or owner of the acreage agrees to assume all obligations under the contract (succession-in-interest). Producers who received payments on a farm and subsequently fail to meet the definition of a producer on the farm will be required to refund the payments. A refund is required, including cases where the predecessor was considered to be a producer at the time payments were issued. Debt collection activities will be initiated immediately upon loss of interest by the predecessor.



**CLARKSBURG TOWN
HALL MEETING FOR
LAA-3 COUNTY
COMMITTEE ELECTION
ANNOUNCED**

Farm Service Agency County Offices hold County Committee elections annually to select representatives from designated Local Administrative Areas (LAA's). Locally elected County Committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for helping federal farm programs fit the needs of and situations faced by local producers.

If an individual is of legal voting age and has an interest in farmland as an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper, he or she is an eligible voter and may nominate candidates or become a candidate him/herself.

Candidates may be nominated to run for Yolo County FSA Committee Local Administrative Area 3 (Elkhorn, West Sacramento and Clarksburg) now through August 1, 2005. A candidate must sign the nomination form and certify that he or she is willing to serve if elected. Election ballots will be mailed in November. Signed ballots must be returned by the December 5, 2005 deadline.

A Town Hall Meeting to explain County Committee

eligibility and member responsibilities has been scheduled for **9:00 AM on Thursday, July 7, 2005 at the Clarksburg Fire Station.** All interested producers are encouraged to attend.

County Committee fact sheets and nomination forms may be obtained at the Yolo County FSA Office or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections.

Due to staff reductions and a high incidence of no-shows, the County Office no longer sends out appointment letters.

It is the producer's responsibility to contact the County Office in order to meet program deadlines listed on the back page of this newsletter.

ACREAGE REPORTING

Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and

marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

The spring-seeded acreage reporting deadline is **July 15, 2005.** To be considered timely filed, acreage reports for:

- prevented planted acreage are required to be submitted no later than 15 calendar days after the final reporting date for the applicable crop;
- failed acreage shall be filed before the disposition of the crop.

**PRODUCERS
REMINDED TO RETAIN
BENEFICIAL INTEREST**

Producers are reminded that they must retain beneficial interest in their 2005 crops in order to remain eligible for loan deficiency payments.



There are three ways that producers may take advantage of the daily-posted county price being below the established county FSA loan rate:

- Stop by the FSA Office before harvest and complete form CCC-709 for crops being

sold or fed directly from the field.

- Put the 2005 crop in eligible storage on the farm or at a warehouse while retaining beneficial interest (title and control), then file a CCC-633 at the FSA County Office to take advantage of that day's posted county price.
- Put the 2005 crop under a regular nine-month non-recourse loan, then either repay the loan at 1) the lower of the posted county price to earn a market gain or 2) principal plus interest on the date of repayment.



**CROP DISASTER
PROGRAM AND
LIVESTOCK
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
SIGN-UPS CONTINUE**

Producers of insured, noninsured and uninsured crops who suffered production losses in excess of 35 per cent and/or quality losses in excess of 20 per cent during the 2003 or 2004 crop years may now sign up for Crop Disaster Program (CDP) benefits authorized under the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane

Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2005.

Assistance is available to livestock producers under the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) for either 2003 or 2004 forage losses (as elected by the producer), but not both, in a county that has received a primary disaster designation by the President or the Secretary after January 1, 2003 (Yolo County was designated only for 2004).

The per "person" payment limitation is \$80,000 for CDP and \$40,000 for LAP. Applications for both disaster programs are taken by appointment only.

**MANAGED HAYING AND
GRAZING ON CRP
ACREAGE**

The State Technical Committee has approved the following periods for managed haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage as recommended by the Yolo County FSA Committee (COC):

Managed Haying Period:

- January 1 - March 31

Managed Grazing Periods:

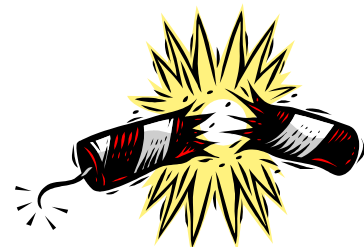
Producers may elect **either:**

- October 1- November 29 (60-day) **and**
- January 31-March 31 (60-day)

or:

- December 1-March 30 (120-day)

CRP participants approved for managed haying or grazing shall: 1) contact Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to obtain a modified conservation plan that includes managed haying or grazing; 2) receive written notification from the COC that managed haying or grazing is authorized **before** livestock are placed on CRP acreage; 3) be assessed a payment reduction of the number of acres actually hayed or grazed x the CRP per acre annual rental payment x 25 per cent; 4) re-establish the cover, at their own expense, if the cover fails as a result of managed haying or grazing; 5) hay or graze only during the above periods and not exceed the applicable consecutive days; 6) not hay or graze the same acreage more often than 1 out of every 3 years; and 7) report the number of acres actually hayed or grazed.



IMPORTANT DATES

July 2005	2004 final wheat, barley and oats CC rates announced
7/04/05	Office closed – Fourth of July
7/07/05	COC Town Hall Meeting - Clarksburg
7/15/05	Deadline to report spring-seeded crops
8/01/05	Deadline to request a 2005 farm reconstitution
	Deadline to file COC nomination forms for LAA-3
	Deadline to sign up for 2005 HWWIP certified seed incentive
	2006 NAP fall-planted seed crops and multi planting application closing date
9/01/05	2006 NAP forage application closing date
9/30/05	2005 DCP sign-up deadline (with \$100 per farm late-file fee)
October 2005	2004 final corn, cotton, grain sorghum and soybean CC rates announced
	2006 DCP sign-up begins
12/05/05	Deadline to return LAA-3 COC election ballots
February 2006	2004 final rice CC rate announced
Continuing	Crop Disaster Program and Livestock Assistance Program

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