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Comments

4.16.09 – “With an inch of rain in the delta last week the crop looks to be average. We are starting to see diseases other than stripe rust such as barley dwarf appear.” *Larry Hunn, Clarksburg CA*

4.16.09 –“ Plantings are at 107,000 acres this year in the Imperial Valley down 3,500 from last year. The crop looks good. Growers need to be diligent in applying their last nitrogen application to be sure to make adequate protein this year.” *Ron Rubin, Brawley CA*

Other:

Check here for the latest grain and feed market news from USDA/AMS

www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lswcagrain.pdf

Three Subcabinet Members Sworn in at USDA

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack this week swore into office Dr. Kathleen Merrigan to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Jim Miller to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and Joe Leonard to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. All three were confirmed by the Senate last week. No word on when more subcabinet nominations are expected.

FSA Announces ACRE Signup

FSA has announced that producers that elect to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program beginning April 27 2009 ACRE is a new provision created by the 2008 Farm Bill as an option within the Direct and Countercyclical Program (DCP). Growers have until August 14, 2009 to make their decision for the 2009 crop. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

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