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Livestock Compensation Program Funds Remain Available At This Time



The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) application period remains open at this time. 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. *The LCP program deals with livestock numbers and non-irrigated grazed acreages (including Federal and State lands) from either year 2006 or 2007, not both.*

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 high cost of fertilizer. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity before it is no longer available.

2008 Report of Commodities (Report of Intended Use) Deadline Quickly Approaching

To date, we have mailed out 95% 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 when a program requires this information. The deadline 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.



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.

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your signed 2008 report(s)!!!

LATEST ON THE NEW GIS MAPPING PROJECT: We have submitted our GIS Mapping Project to the Wyoming State Office for purposes of certification. Once certified, we join the rest of the nation in converting to the new map formats. The maps are wonderful to use and offer a very fine picture of the agricultural lands in Uinta County. We plan to be using the new GIS ArcView Maps for the 2009 Crop Acreage Reporting Season! For 2008, we will still use the old aerial maps.

***** 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, provide ample irrigation water which in turn will help avoid the need to file NAP Notices of Loss.

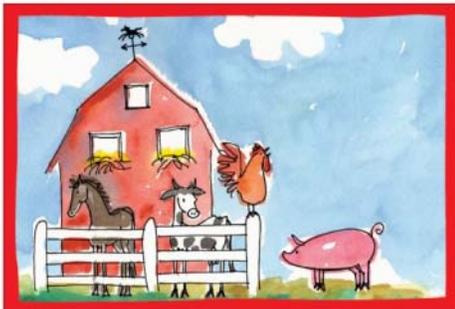
2008 NAP Participants who are signed up for grazing coverage will need to timely file a NAP Grazing Loss as soon as it is apparent that you suffered more than a 50% loss in grazing. Remember, this includes all owned or lease land, Forest and BLM lands, as applicable. Proof of your federal land leases 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 the crop. To be in compliance for program benefits contact the Farm Service Agency. 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. 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.



2008 Farm Bill Status

We are starting to receive tidbits concerning the 2008 Farm Bill. We have not yet received the final details. You will be notified as to the impact the new bill may have on Uinta County programs and you as the final details are made known to the County Office.

Conservation Reserve Continuous Program Signup Available

Under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) continuous sign-up, eligible agriculture producers may apply to enroll small acreages of eligible marginal pastureland in CRP. Participants agree to establish approved conservation practices on eligible land and remove the land from agricultural production in return for annual rental payments for the term of the CRP contract, which can run from 10 to 15 years. A 50% cost-share payment is available to help with the cost of completing approved conservation practices. There is an additional 40% cost-share incentive payment for certain practices. Along with the cost-share and annual rental payments, there is a sign-up incentive payment and an annual maintenance payment. Some eligible practices that can be completed on land enrolled under continuous CRP are: Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife and Riparian Buffers.

2008 County Committee Election Process Begins Soon

The Uinta County FSA Committee will begin accepting nominations beginning **June 15th through August 1st 2008**. FSA is reaching out to agricultural producers to assure equitable representation on their county committees. Individuals or a legal representative of an entity are eligible nominees. Nominees must reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) and must have an interest in farming or ranching operation that physically lies in the LAA. Currently Mr. Kyle Lowham represents LAA #1. LAA #1 covers the Bear River, Almy, Evanston and Piedmont areas.

County FSA Committee member's duties include:

- . Informing farmers/ranchers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs.
- . Keeping the Wyoming State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions.
- . Recommending needed changes in farm programs.
- . Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- . Performing other duties as assigned by the Wyoming State FSA Committee.

FSA-669A – Nomination Form is available at the Uinta County FSA Office. The deadline for completing a nomination form is **August 1, 2008**. Only one person may be nominated per form and the form must be signed by the nominee who indicates a willingness to serve if elected. A list of eligible voters, which includes the names of persons eligible to run for county committee, is available at this office. Contact the county office for additional information.

USDA ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR 2005 – 2007 LCP SIGN-UP

Important update! Information received as this newsletter was being prepared to send for printing

“Livestock producers will have until July 18, 2008, to enroll in the 2005-2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP).

This program provides aid to livestock producers who suffered eligible livestock or livestock feed losses between January 01, 2005, and December 31, 2007, because of natural disaster.

The Livestock Compensation Program provides payments to eligible livestock owners and cash lessees who suffered feed losses or increased feed costs because of a natural disaster.

More information about the LCP program is available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.”

Applications are being taken by appointment. Please contact the office to schedule your appointment promptly. Producers are encouraged to make application now to avoid problems by waiting until the last few days of sign-up to apply.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Have you signed and returned you 2008 Crop Acreage Reports of Intended Use ???

DATES TO REMEMBER



*Program
Reminders*

July 01, 2008
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July 04, 2008
July 18, 2008

Deadline for 2008 Crop Acreage Reporting - Reports must be signed!
Final date to submit NAP Production Evidence for 2007 Crops
Actual Production History Yields signed for 2008 NAP Applicants
Office Closed - Fourth of July Holiday
Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) Signup Period Ends

Anytime
Monthly Office Visit
Monthly

Sign-up for Continuous CRP
Loan assistance - Brian Harrell, Farm Manager - Call ahead for an appointment
FSA County Committee Meetings - Typically the Fourth 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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