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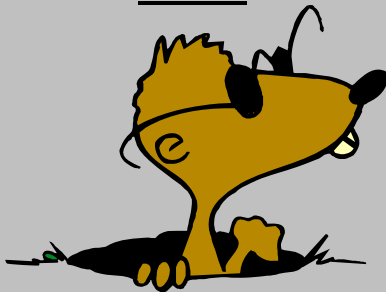
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MOLES:



Machinery, Operating, Livestock,
Expansion and Starting Out
Loans

Questions regarding obtaining credit to start or enlarge a farming or ranching operation; financing agricultural operating expenses; or livestock, machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, FLM
307.856.7524

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 25 – Office closed;
Christmas Day
Jan. 1 – Office closed; New
Years' Day
Jan. 1 – New COC members take
office
Jan – File "page 1" for 2010 wool
LDPs
Mar. 31 – 2009 Barley LDP filing
deadline
April 1 – NEW deadline 2010
NAP coverage



Sweetwater/Sublette County
December 2009

IRS 1099-G Changes are A-Comin'

Annually, producers receive CCC-1099Gs detailing payments received from FSA. This year, 2009 advance payments producers received from the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) Program were processed as overpayments and offset from the 2009 final payments. This was done in order to incorporate new payment software that FSA has begun using.

2009 advance payments will **not** be reflected on the CCC-1099-Gs producers receive, only the 2009 DCP direct entitlement will be shown.

Producers who have repaid a market gain on a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loan with cash or commodity certificates in exchange for outstanding loan collateral will have their market gains reported to the IRS on Form 1099-G. FSA is required to report to the IRS all market gains associated with repayment of a CCC loan. A market gain is the difference between the repayment rate, determined by the CCC, and the original loan rate. If the repayment rate drops below the original loan rate then the difference is considered a market gain. Producers will receive, by mail, the amount reported by FSA to the IRS on Form 1099-G.



**County Committee Welcomes
a New Face**



Penny Chrisman won the COC election in LAA #4. Penny lives and ranches in the Big Piney area with her husband John Chrisman.



**Update Your Address to Ensure Delivery of
Upcoming Program Information**

We are getting lots of returned mail; please remind others to update their address with FSA if they are not receiving program information. If your address is incorrect, please call the office to update!

Report NAP Losses

Remember to report losses on NAP crops within 15 days of the disaster occurrence or when the losses are apparent. Notices of losses filed more than 15 days after occurrence (late-filed) can still be approved by COC if verification of the specific crop and acreage can be made. It must also be determined that the loss was due to an eligible disaster condition. If both determinations cannot be made the application will be disapproved and the producer will not be eligible for NAP payment.



the 2010 NAP Deadline

The Wyoming State FSA Office has issued an amendment moving the deadline to purchase NAP for **ALL** NAP crops to April 1. The deadline to purchase 2010 NAP coverage is **April 1, 2010**. The April deadline will remain in effect for subsequent years.

NAP is available for crops which crop insurance is not available for. It protects the producer against catastrophic losses. The fee for NAP is \$250 per crop per county, with a county maximum of \$750. For producers with interest in multiple counties, the total fee cannot exceed \$1,875.

At least CAT level coverage is required on insurable crops and NAP coverage is required on non-insurable crops to be eligible to participate in Supplemental Disaster Assistance Programs. This means that if there is a disaster, such as drought, you will be eligible for benefits only if you purchased NAP coverage for that crop year.

Call the county office for more information and to get your 2010 NAP policy.



to Kathy Miller

for serving three full terms
on the Sweetwater/Sublette County Committee.

Crop Reporting for SURE

Producers enrolling in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) are reminded that 2008 crop reports for **all** crops are **required** for SURE participation. This includes crops planted on cropland and/or non-cropland, including native pasture or improved grass that will be hayed.

Crop reports are going to be the basis for many payments under the 2008 Farm Bill. Please make sure your crops are reported correctly.



Have you made changes to your bank account?

Almost all FSA payments are made using Direct Deposit. This innovation has cut down on the number of missing and late payments and reduced the time required to move funds. Direct Deposit to your account can be made within 48 hours.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure uninterrupted service.

ELAP**Emergency Livestock Assistance Program**

Producers of livestock, honey bees and farm-raised fish can now apply for benefits under the Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP.) ELAP benefits are available for losses that are not covered under other Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs, such as LFP, LIP and SURE. Eligible losses include, but are not limited to, disease, adverse weather and wildfires.

General Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Suffered eligible loss between Jan. 1, 2008 and Oct. 1, 2011 (and in the calendar year that benefits are being requested)
- ✓ Obtain crop insurance and/or NAP for all crops on the farm (all acres, all locations)
- ✓ Timely file a notice of loss and application for payment
- ✓ Timely file an acreage report for all acres, owned & leased, honey bee colonies and farm-raised fish ponds

Filing Deadlines

- ✓ **Jan. 1, 2009 – Sept. 10, 2009 losses** – file notice of loss by December 10, 2009 and application for payment by January 20, 2010
- ✓ **Sept. 14, 2009 – Dec. 31, 2009 losses** – file a notice of loss no later than 30 days after loss is apparent and application for payment no later than January 30, 2010
- ✓ **2010 – 2011 losses** – file a notice of loss within 30 days of when the loss is apparent or after the end of the calendar year that the losses occurred and file application for payment no later than 30 after the end of the calendar year for which benefits are being requested

There are **no** late file provisions for ELAP.

Please contact the county office for more information if you believe you may qualify for ELAP benefits.

Unshorn Lamb Pelt LDPs

The deadline to file for 2009 crop year lamb pelt LDPs is January 29, 2010. If you have not filed for 2009 wool LDPs, please contact the county office.

Wool producers should also stop by the office and complete their "Page 1" to maintain eligibility for 2010 crop year wool LDPs.

**DON'T FORGET TO****YOUR 2009 LIP APPLICATION!**

If you filed notice of loss for 2009 Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), don't forget to submit your supporting documentation and application for payment to the county office by **January 30, 2010**.

Contact the county office for more information about documentation that is needed to complete your application.

**ATTN: PRF Policyholders**

Beginning in crop year 2010, RMA will require that producers purchasing Pasture, Rangeland & Forage (PRF) insurance coverage will be required to obtain a FSA farm, tract and field number. These numbers will have to be provided to RMA. These records are essential for establishing eligibility for RMA PRF and FSA programs such as Livestock Forage Program (LFP). Contact the office if you need to set up a new farm with FSA.

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Happy Holidays!

