

Farm Service Agency

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OFFICE STAFF

Annie Bryce – County Executive Director
Brian Harrell – Farm Loan Manager
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Becky Walters –Program Technician (Temp)

FSA COMMITTEE

Bryan Hamilton – Member
Charles Murray – Member
John P. Stoll - Member

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday



We would like to welcome **Carol Zogata**, as Fremont County's newest employee. Carol was born and raised in central Wisconsin. Farming has always been a part of her life; she has spent 23 years as a dairy producer, and the past 9 years as a beef producer. Upon dispersing her dairy herd in 1998, Carol took a job with FSA. She has continued farming part-time, buying and finishing feeder calves.

Carol's family resides in WI, but she has chosen to follow her dream of moving to Wyoming. Carol enjoys wide open spaces, the relaxed life-style, and horses, she jokes that she prefers chasing cows on horseback rather than on foot. Next time you are in the office, please give her a warm Wyoming welcome!

FORT WASHAKIE OFFICE DAYS

You don't have to come to us, we'll come to you. The FSA program and loan staff is now offering business hours in Ft. Washakie. Appointments are encouraged, so that we can provide necessary forms and/or staff, but you are also welcome to just stop by and we will try to answer any of your questions. Office days will usually be held the first Wednesday of every month, from 1pm to 3pm, at the NRCS trailer next to the WIC building. Our next office day is **February 6th**; we look forward to seeing you!

EMERGENCY LOANS

FSA provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disaster, or quarantines. Emergency loan funds may be used to: restore or replace essential property; pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year; pay essential family living expenses; reorganize the farming operation; and refinance certain debts.

Emergency loans may be made to farmers and ranchers who: own or operate land located in a county declared by the President as a disaster area or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as the disaster area or quarantine area; are established family farm operators and have sufficient farming or ranching experience; are citizens or permanent residents of the United States; have suffered at least a 30% loss in crop production or a physical loss to livestock, livestock products, real estate, or chattel property; have an acceptable credit history; are unable to receive credit from commercial sources; can provide collateral to secure the loan; and have repayment ability.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)



Drought assistance for livestock producers in Fremont County has been approved for ECP due to the ongoing drought. Livestock producers that have suffered the loss of water resources may sign up for cost share on hauling water, water systems, spring development, water pipelines, well, etc. Because of the large demand nationwide the funds for this program have been depleted. Fremont County is on the waiting list for more funding. Applications will be reviewed by the County Committee. Those approved will be prioritized based on conservation needs. The approvals for cost-share will be issued when and if funds become available. Interested producers need to contact the FSA office and apply by **February 8, 2008**.

EMERGENCY LOANS



The Secretary of Agriculture has declared Fremont County eligible for emergency loans. Farmers and ranchers may qualify for emergency loans based on losses caused by drought that occurred January 1, 2007 and continuing.

To qualify for production loss loans, applicants must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of their normal production per acre or normal per animal production. Production losses are calculated from an average of the three years immediately preceding the disaster year and may be made for an amount up to 100% of the total actual calculated production loss.

Physical loss loan applicants must have suffered severe physical losses affecting the ability of their operation to continue on a reasonably sound basis. All applicants must have sufficient equity to secure the loan and the operation must show repayment ability.

Under the FSA emergency loan program, the amount available to qualified producers cannot exceed the sum of the physical loss or \$500,000 whichever is less.

Deadline for applications is **July 7, 2008**. For further information, farmers and ranchers located in the designated counties are encouraged to contact our office.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disaster and related conditions that occurred in 2005 and 2006, and 2007 crops if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or in the case of prevented planting would have been planted before February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006, or 2007 must choose only one year to receive benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price. The payment quantity for quality losses will be equal to the lesser of: (1) the actual production of the crop affected by a quality loss; or (2) at least 25 percent of the value that all affected production of the crop would have had if the crop had not suffered a quality loss. Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production lost, must not exceed 95 percent of the total value of the crop absent the disaster.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)



LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disaster occurring on January 1, 2006.

The following are among the types of livestock operations that will be eligible for LCP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine, or deer.

The payment rate for each livestock category will be 61 percent of the national payment rate. Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided. Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LCP benefits.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

2008 NAP policies on spring crops will be available until April 1, 2008 on the following crops: All spring planted hay crops including, wheat, barley, oats, millet, sorghum, etc..

2007 Notices of Losses are currently being processed. The Wind River Reservation rangeland was assessed at a 75% loss and the rest of the county was assessed at 70% loss.

LOWER WIND RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



It's time to start thinking about planting trees. The Lower Wind River Conservation District sponsors a Seeding Tree Program. This program enables farmers, ranchers, and other landowners to obtain seedling trees at nominal cost. The purpose of the program is to encourage the owners to plant effective wind barriers, to protect buildings, cropland, and feedlots as well as for erosion control, reforestation, and other conservation practices. A planting plan should be prepared before trees are ordered or planted. Please contact the Lower Wind River Conservation District to obtain an order form and/or to prepare a planting plan. Order early for the best selection! Lower Wind River Conservation District, 508 North Broadway Avenue, Riverton, WY 82501, (307) 856-7524 Ext. 101.

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307-856-7524 EXT 101

508 North Broadway Avenue Riverton, WY 82501

2008 SEEDLING TREE ORDER FORM

Trees and shrubs are sold as a bundle of 50 or in large or small pots which are sold in groups of 30. We are unable to separate bundles or groups for individual sale. You are encouraged to order before March 1, 2008 for the best selection. However, we will accept orders until April 1, 2008. Seedlings will be delivered in late April or early May. Careful planning and preparation are required for best results. Please contact us for assistance.

No warranty is expressed or implied for the available seedling stock.

PRICES

Bare root shrubs or trees (bundle of 50)	\$46.50
Large Potted Trees (group of 30)	\$58.00
Small Potted Trees (group of 30)	\$38.00
Weed Barrier (300' X 6' roll)	\$100.00

Large Potted Trees--Group of 30

6--12" Top Height	Number	Cost
Aspen		
Austrian Pine		
Colorado Blue Spruce		
Douglas Fir		
Englemann Spruce		
Pinon Pine		
Ponderosa Pine		
Rocky Mtn. Juniper		
White Fir		
Limber Pine		
Subalpine Fir		
Narrowleaf Cottonwood		
Coyote Willow		
Black Hills Spruce		

Small Potted Trees--Group of 30

6--12" Top Height	Number	Cost
Austrian Pine		
Colorado Blue Spruce		
Douglas Fir		
Engelmann Spruce		
Lodgepole Pine		
Ponderosa Pine		
White Fir		
Eastern Red Cedar		
Rocky Mtn. Juniper		
Pinon Pine		
Limber Pine		

Bare Root Shrubs--Bundle of 50

10--30" top height	Number	Cost
Caragana		
Cotoneaster		
Chokecherry		
Lilac		
Native Plum		
Sumac		
Sand Cherry		
Nanking Cherry		
European Sage		
Woods Rose		
Buffaloberry		
Golden Currant		
Mountain Mahogany		
Red Osier Dogwood		
N.M. Forestiera		
Wax Currant		

Bare Root Trees--Bundle of 50

10--30" Top Height	Number	Cost
Ash		
Siberian Elm		
Cottonwood		
Golden Willow		
Hackberry		
Honeylocust		
Poplar		
Bur Oak		
Coyote Willow		
Peachleaf Willow		
Kremmling Cottonwood		
Prairie Sky Poplar		
Austrian Pine		
Colorado Blue Spruce		
Eastern Red Cedar		
Ponderosa Pine		
Rocky Mtn. Juniper		
Scotch Pine		

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER

Please include sales tax in your payment.

Subtotal

5% Sales Tax

TOTAL DUE

NAME: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____

Please make checks payable to:
 Lower Wind River Conservation District
We are unable to accept credit cards.

Fremont County FSA Office
508 North Broadway Ave.
Riverton, WY 82501

Postage Fees Paid
Farm Service Agency
Permit NO. G-96

! IMPORTANT DATES!!

Jan 21	Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 31	Deadline 2007 LDPs on Wool/Mohair/Unshorn Pelts
Feb 6	Ft. Washakie Office Day
Feb 8	Deadline Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Applications
Feb 18	Office Closed - President's Day

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

We would like to give Steve Pokorny a huge thank you for 9 years of service. You will be missed!

We would also like to give Bryan Hamilton a huge congratulations as Fremont County's newly elected COC member. Welcome!

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