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Laramie County FSA News

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NAP Reminder

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

If you had NAP coverage in 2007, remember to provide production evidence of the mechanically harvested crops prior to July 1, 2008. The deadline to purchase NAP is April 1 for spring seeded crops. (Don't forget that March 15th is the final date to purchase crop insurance for spring crops.)

Production Reminder

Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete information of the harvested production. Acceptable records include verifiable or reliable commercial receipts, settlement sheets, or load summaries if the crop was sold. Documentary evidence, such as contemporaneous measurements, truck scale tickets and contemporaneous diaries to verify information provided of production for crops that were stored, sold, or fed to livestock.

Farm Program Information

Farm Program Signup

We do not have a Farm Bill. We will notify you when we have a signup schedule.

Farm Changes?

As always you are required to notify our office of any changes in your farming operation for the current farm year. Such as: address changes, sole proprietor to a LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc, bank account changes, farm ownership / operator change, share change, etc. Producers are responsible for notifying FSA of any changes.

Reconstitution of Farms

Producers have until June 1st to request a combination or division of farms. Farms with the same owner / operator are a required combination. Land that is sold can be split from the parent farm using the "landowner designation" method. This method allows the landowner to designate the amount of DCP contract acres to go with the land sold. A written agreement between the buyer and seller must be made before the land sale is final. FSA requires a Warranty Deed or Land Sales Agreement for proof of ownership before a reconstitution of farms can be completed.

Sheep Programs

2008 Wool, Mohair, & Unshorn Pelts LDP

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 authorizes Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments programs for 2008 crops of graded and ungraded wool, mohair, and unshorn pelts. The Act authorizes FSA to accept and process 2008 MAL and LDP wool requests through March 15, 2008. (Unshorn pelts are eligible for LDP only.)

Measurement Service Rate

The National FSA Office has established mandatory measurement service rates that must be charged for a measurement service requested of FSA. The rate for measuring bins or acreage measurements are:

Basic Farm Fee: \$30

Plus Hourly Rate: \$16 for the first hour plus \$8 for every 30 minutes after the first hour. Minimum charge of 1 hour. (Minimum charge is \$30 + \$16 = \$46
Includes late filed crop reports and in the office measurement service.)

Mileage: Mileage charge is included in the basic farm rate. The clock starts when FSA leaves the office.

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Disaster Programs

Crop Disaster Program & Livestock Compensation Program

President Bush signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (2008 Act). The 2008 Act extends CDP and LCP payments to eligible farmers and ranchers who suffered 2007 crop and livestock feed losses throughout the 2007 crop year before Dec. 31, 2007.

Crop insurance has downloaded 2007 crop losses to FSA. We are reviewing the information to see if losses for the 2007 crop year will affect the payments you have already signed for. If 2007 crop losses will increase your payments, we will contact you and have you file further applications.

LCP applications can only be taken for 2006 in Laramie County. To qualify for LCP we have to have a Disaster Designation and Laramie County has a designation for 2006 only.

Administrative Information

County Committee Information

The County Committee has set the third Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for the regular meeting schedule. Elections were held for Committee positions. Mike Peterson was elected Chair, Mark Child was elected Vice Chair, and Dave Bowman will be Member.

County Committee: Mike Peterson, Mark Child, Dave Bowman, **Advisor:** Louise Jacobsen

Office Staff: Doris Scheel, Denise Hunt, Mark Lanning.

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Susan Pierce has officially retired. We would like to thank Susan for all her hard work and friendship. We wish her many happy days ahead!

Dates to Remember

February 18

Presidents Day Holiday – Office Closed

March 15

Deadline to Purchase Crop Insurance

April 1

Deadline to Purchase NAP Coverage

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