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Powell-Deer Lodge-Granite County
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Dates to Remember:

Oct. – CRP payments issued
Oct. – DCP payments issued

Oct. 7 & 8 – Women Stepping
Forward for Agriculture
Symposium – Lewistown

Oct 12 – Columbus Day (closed)

Nov. 6 – COC ballots mailed

Dec. 1 - NAP Application closing
date for 2010 honey

Mar. 15 – NAP Application closing
date for 2010 grazing



Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Program - Compensates producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality that occurred on or after January 1, 2008 and before October 1, 2011 due to adverse weather. (such as blizzards, disease, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, lightening, wildfires)

Crop Insurance requirements – None

Eligibility Trigger – Livestock Deaths caused by adverse weather.

Payments – Per Head Death Loss.

Process to apply for program:

1. File a notice of loss to the local county FSA office in person, by phone, fax or e-mail within 30 days after the death is apparent. See below table.:
2. Submit proof of livestock death loss. (reliable and/or verification records showing kind/type/weight range/number of livestock, beginning and ending livestock number and physical location of livestock in inventory at time death occurs, cause of death loss)
3. File for payment by completing payment portion of form FSA-914 at the local county FSA office. Application for payment and the notice of loss may be filed at the same time.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010
2010 & 2011	30 days after death is apparent	30 calendar days after end of the calendar year in which loss occurred.

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Emergency Assistance For Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)

Program - Compensates producers of livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other loss conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfire that are not covered by LIP, LFP or SURE.

Crop Insurance requirements – Must obtain a policy or plan of insurance equal to CAT level coverage or NAP coverage **for each crop** planted or intended to be planted on the **whole farm**, excluding grazing policy.

(Whole farm is defined as sum of all crop acreage in all counties nationwide)

Eligibility Trigger – Feed Loss, physical loss and/or additional costs incurred in providing feed to eligible livestock caused by adverse weather or other loss conditions.

Payments – Grazing Loss calculation, feed loss (harvested or purchased) calculation, physical loss calculation.

Process to apply for program:

1. File a notice of loss to the local county FSA office in person, by phone, fax or e-mail within 30 days after the loss is apparent. See below table.:

2. Submit proof of loss. (reliable and/or verification records showing kind/type/weight range/number of livestock, beginning and ending livestock number and physical location of livestock in inventory at time of loss, crop loss, receipts for additional feed purchased, documentation showing harvested feed, cause loss, etc)

3. File for payment by completing payment portion of form FSA-918 or FSA-930 at the local county FSA office. Application for payment and the notice of loss may be filed at the same time.

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Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

Program – Compensates producers who suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought conditions or fire on Federally managed land.

Crop Insurance requirements – Must obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the forage crop under FCIA or NAP coverage **for grazing land.**

Eligibility Trigger for Drought – Located in a county with droughts designated on the U.S. Drought Monitor as one of the following:

- 1) D2 Drought – severe – any area for 8 consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period
- 2) D3 Drought – extreme – any area any time during the normal grazing period
- 3) D4 Drought – exceptional – any area any time during the normal grazing period

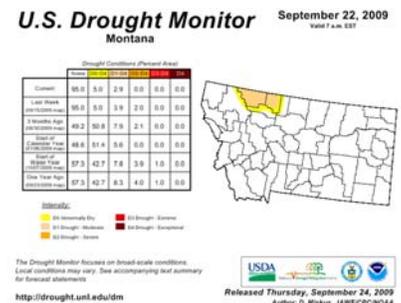
Eligibility Trigger for Fire – Grazing losses due to fire on Federally managed land

Payments for Drought – D2 – 1 month calculated payment

D3 – 2 or 3 months calculated payment

D4 – 3 months calculated payment

Payments for Fire – 50 percent of the monthly feed cost for the total number of livestock reduced.



Process to apply for program:

1. After county is notified by the National Office of qualifying drought or if Federal agency prohibits producers from grazing on Federal managed lands due to a qualifying fire, producer completes an application no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred.
2. Submit livestock and forage information. (reliable and/or verification records showing kind/type/weight range/number of livestock, beginning and ending livestock number and physical location of livestock in inventory, grazing leases, letter from Federal agency showing proof not permitted to graze, grazing acres, etc)

For Additional Information on All Programs

Additional information may be obtained at local FSA offices or through the Montana FSA Web Site at www.fsa.usda.gov/mt/

Foreign Landowner Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

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Postage Block

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program Undergoes Changes

The 2008 Farm Bill provided changes to the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL). FSFL provides low-interest financing for producers of eligible commodities to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment.

Loan terms of seven, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

Partial funding can be made after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain Pulse crops – lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables – cold storage facilities.

Contact the office if you are interested in receiving further information about the changes to FSFL.

