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Dates to Remember:

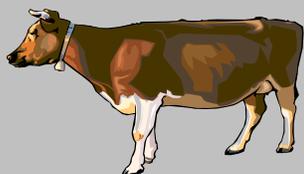
Feb 15 – President's Day Office
Closed

Mar 11 & 12 - Montana
Agriculture: Legal Issues Seminar

Mar. 15 – NAP Application closing
date for 2010 grazing

June 15 – IRS consent form for
AGI compliance due

Notice of Loss for LIP File
within 30 calendar days of when
the loss of livestock is apparent



Powell-Deer Lodge-Granite County February 2010

NAP Deadline Approaching

The deadline to purchase 2010 Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on all crops except value loss and honey is **March 15, 2010!!!!**

For the 2010 & 2011 crop years it is imperative to purchase NAP and/or catastrophic (CAT) level of crop insurance to be eligible for the new permanent disaster programs created in the 2008 Farm Bill.

In order for producers to be eligible for assistance under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance (**SURE**) Program and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, and Honey Bees, (**ELAP**), and the Tree Assistance Program (**TAP**), producers must obtain a plan of insurance for each insurable and non-insurable commodity on the farm, **excluding grazing.**

To be eligible for assistance under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (**LFP**), producers must obtain NAP coverage for grazing.

Please contact the office prior to March 15, 2010, to ensure your eligibility for the new disaster assistance programs.



Farm Loan Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides direct and guaranteed loans to assist farmers and ranchers start, enlarge or continue with their farming operations. FSA has special programs designed to assist beginning farmers and ranchers and socially disadvantaged applicants to secure financing. Please stop into the local county office to learn more about all the programs FSA has to offer.



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ARE YOU PROTECTED FROM A WEATHER DISASTER?

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). **Notice of Loss – Contact our office within 30 days of loss.**



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. **NAP Coverage Required on Grazing Land**



Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Program (SURE)

Program - Provides financial assistance for crop production and or quality losses due to a natural disaster.



Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees & Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)

Program – Provides emergency relief to producers of eligible livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish because of losses from disease, adverse weather or other conditions. **Contact our office for information about your loss.**



Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

Program – Provides assistance to orchardists and eligible nursery tree growers who produce nursery, ornamental, fruit, nut or Christmas trees for commercial sales that lost trees because of a natural disaster.



Wool & Mohair Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) and Loan Deficiency Payment Program (LDP)

The 2008 Farm Bill provides marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payment for the 2008 thru 2012 crop years. Eligible producers who produce and shear eligible wool and/or mohair can either request a 9-month Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) or agree to forgo the loan for a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP).

Producers must file CCC-633EZ, page 1 to state their intention for requesting an LDP **before** beneficial interest is lost. Page 4 must be submitted anytime after shearing and prior to January 31, 2011, for the 2010 crop year. **Please contact our office if you are interested in this program.**



New Adjusted Gross Income Compliance Process

USDA has finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income provisions for programs administered by USDA's FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service. This agreement will ensure that payments are not issued to producers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

The electronic process that USDA developed with IRS reviews data from tax returns, performs a series of calculations, and compares these values to the AGI

limitations from the 2008 Farm Bill FSA and NRCS will receive a record that indicates whether or not the program participant appears to meet the income limits. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for this process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA. As part of the review and evaluation process, participants whose AGI may exceed the limits will be offered an opportunity to provide third party verification or other information to validate their income.

Any individual or entity that is required to file CCC-926 (Average Adjusted Gross Income Statement) as a condition of eligibility for FSA or NRCS programs for 2009 or 2010 must submit CCC-927 (for an individual) or CCC-928 (for an entity) directly to the IRS to authorize them to release data to the agency indicating compliance or possible non-compliance with the income limitations. It is important that the name and address you enter on the form exactly match what appears on your tax returns. Forms and a fact sheet explaining the process are available on our national website:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> or from your local County FSA office.

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/

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How Do You Operate?

Do you operate your farming operation as an individual, joint operation, legal established entity? Do you file your taxes under your Social Security Number or a business identification number? How is your bank account set up? In what names do you file your crop insurance? Who owns the land? To ensure that you are in compliance with our program requirements, we need to establish your farming operation correctly. When completing new forms, please keep this information in mind so that we can properly establish your farm and complete correct documents.

NRCS Programs

If you plan on participating in any program with NRCS, please contact our office to complete your eligibility paperwork. These forms are required for both FSA and NRCS program participation. By completing these forms at the time of application, ensures the processing of your application. Otherwise your application has the risk of not being processed.