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# Park County News

## September 2010

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Bob Broyles, CED  
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### Agricultural Lending Opportunities

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

*Mike Turley (406) 657-6135*

Next County Committee Meeting:  
**October 7, 2010 – 1:00 P.M.**

### Dates to Remember:

**Sept. 13** - Managed Grazing Period Ends  
**Sept. 15** - Durum Wheat Quality Program Application Sign-Up Deadline  
**Sept. 30** - Managed Haying Period Ends  
**Sept. 30** - NAP Acreage Reporting Deadline for Value Loss Crops  
**Sept. 30** - RMA deadline to purchase Forage Production Policy (2011 Crop Year)  
**Sept. 30** - SURE Application Deadline for 2008 Crop Year  
**Oct. 5-6** - Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium in Helena  
**October 2010** – 2010 DCP and ACRE direct payments issued. 2009 additional ACRE payments, if applicable, will also be issued this fall.

## NAP Coverage Deadlines for 2011 Crop Year

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to provide financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields or prevented planting occurs as the result of natural disasters. Statutes limit NAP coverage to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which the catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance is not available.

Application deadlines for 2011 NAP coverage for a variety of crops are coming up. In Montana, the NAP sales closing deadlines are:

- **September 1, 2010**, for value loss crops
- **December 1, 2010**, for Honey
- **March 15, 2011**, for all other NAP crops

Producers who choose to obtain NAP coverage for 2011 must file a CCC-471, application for coverage, and pay the applicable service fee by the sales closing deadline. Service fees are \$250 per crop, per administrative county, or \$750 per producer, per county, not to exceed \$1875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. Service fees may be waived for limited-resource producers.

For the 2011 crop year it is imperative that producers purchase either NAP or a catastrophic (CAT) level of crop insurance for all insurable and non-insurable crops. This is not only for production coverage, but for maintaining eligibility for the new permanent disaster programs created in the 2008 Farm Bill.

Eligibility for assistance under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), requires producers to obtain a plan of insurance for each insurable and non-insurable commodity on the farm, **excluding grazing**.

Eligibility for assistance under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) requires producers to obtain either coverage under the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Rainfall Index pilot Program offered through crop insurance, or NAP coverage, or both, on their grazing. For more information please contact your local Farm Service Agency office.

## Durum Wheat Quality Program has September 15th deadline

Farm Service Agency is currently taking applications for the Durum Wheat Quality Program (DWQP). The program will partially compensate producers for the costs associated with fungicide application on 2010 durum wheat. Under this program, producers may be eligible to receive a 50 percent cost share for applying fungicides to the 2010 durum wheat crop to control Fusarium head blight, commonly known as wheat scab. Durum producers have until **September 15, 2010** to apply for fungicide application reimbursement under the DWQP program. The fungicide payment rate for the chemical will be established by National Office. The reimbursement rate for the cost of application is set by the state committee. Producers can prepare for DWQP sign-up by gathering their 2010 fungicide bills that document the Fusarium fighting efforts. For more information, producers can contact their local FSA office.

## September 30 Deadline for SURE Applications

Close of business on September 30, 2010 is the deadline to submit USDA Farm Service Agency 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) program payment application. Applications not filed by this date will not receive a payment.

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage. For more info, contact your local FSA office.

## CRP Managed Hay and Grazing

The 2010 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Managed Grazing Period is limited to 60 days - July 16<sup>th</sup> through September 13, 2010. All livestock must be removed by September 13, 2010.

The Managed Haying Period began on July 16<sup>th</sup> and ends on September 30, 2010. All bales must be removed by November 12, 2010. For more information, please contact your local county FSA office.

**Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in FSA programs should contact Bob Broyles, CED, at :**

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## Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium set for October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in Helena



The annual Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium will be held October 5 and 6, 2010 at the Montana Club in Helena. The event is hosted by USDA, in conjunction with the Montana Agri-Women, Montana Farm Bureau Women, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) and the Montana Cattlewomen.

The purpose of the symposium is to provide an avenue for Women involved in the promotion of Montana's agriculture to learn of issues affecting Montana's rural agricultural communities, promote leadership development and further support women's leadership roles within those communities.

### Registration Information:

Pre-registration cost is \$60.00. Make checks payable to WSFFA. Provide name, address, and phone number by **September 22, 2010** to: Andrea Ceartin at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service 3710 Fallon St., Suite B; Bozeman, MT 59718, phone: 406-522-4025 or [andrea.ceartin@mt.usda.gov](mailto:andrea.ceartin@mt.usda.gov). More information, including a detailed agenda is available on the Montana NRCS website at: <http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/news/womenag.html>.

## Merit Heifer Program Offered at NILE

The Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) is providing youth the opportunity to become involved in the beef industry by awarding heifer calves to project participants. Any youth aged 13-17 who is a member of 4-H or FFA is eligible to enter.

Each program participant will own their calf jointly with NILE until the completion of the program, at which time NILE officials will sign off and the participant will take full ownership of the heifer and her off-spring. During the program duration, participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for breeding, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal to the 2011 NILE stock show as a bred replacement heifer. The program is completed after the heifer is determined bred, all record keeping has been completed and the heifer has been shown at the NILE stock show. Applicants will be chosen on their commitment to agriculture, future goals, financial need and the ability to raise the animal in a proper setting. Applications may be obtained at <http://www.thenile.org> or by calling 406/656-3615 or 671-5100. Applications must be postmarked by **September 15, 2010**. The 2010 NILE dates are Oct. 9-16, 2010.

## Succession in Interest changes must be reported by September 30, 2010

If you have made any changes that affect your interest in base acres since you signed your last Direct and Counter-cyclical Program contract, you must report these **successions-in-interest** to the county committee by **September 30th**, so that a final determination can be made on who is eligible for the program on the farm. Changes that qualify as a succession-in-interest include:

- A sale of land
- A change of operator or producer, including a an increase or decrease in the number of partners
- A foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm.
- A change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's share of the crop(s) that were originally approved on the contract.

If a succession-in-interest has taken place, you, as the "predecessor," are required to refund any advance DCP payments you received for the affected base acres before a payment can be made to the "successor."

Not reporting a succession-in-interest can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved.

## ELAP Assistance Available

Aid from the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is available to those producers who suffered losses in 2010 because of disease, adverse weather or other conditions. For 2010 and subsequent year losses, sign-up will end no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss occurred. See program details for other Notice of Loss deadlines. Under ELAP, producers will be compensated for losses that are not covered under other Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Payment programs established by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

**Access Montana Farm Service Agency news and program deadlines online @**  
[www.fsa.usda.gov/mt](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mt)



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**\*\*REMINDER\*\***  
***The RMA deadline to purchase a  
Forage Production Policy  
for the 2011 Crop Year is  
September 30, 2010.***

<b>Selected Interest Rates for September 2010</b>	
Farm Operating - Direct	2.375%
Farm Ownership - Direct	4.375%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%
Emergency – Actual Loss	3.750%

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