



Rosebud County FSA Office
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*The Rosebud COC meets the 2nd Thursday
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Rosebud-Treasure FSA News

September 2010

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 the next few months. In Montana, the NAP sales closing deadlines are: **Sept. 1, 2010**, for value loss crops; **Dec. 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. Eligible producers must pay a service fee of \$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 also for eligibility 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, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (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 either coverage under the Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage Rainfall Index pilot Program offered through crop insurance, or NAP coverage on their grazing, or producers may obtain both. For more information please contact your local Farm Service Agency.

September 30 Deadline for SURE Applications

The deadline to submit **USDA Farm Service Agency 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE)** program payment applications is close of business on Sept. 30, 2010. Applications not filed by Sept. 30, 2010, 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

2010 Managed Grazing Period ends Sept. 13; 2010 Managed Haying ends Sept. 30

The 2010 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Managed Grazing Period is limited to 60 days - July 16th through September 13th. All livestock must be removed by Sept. 13, 2010. The Managed Haying Period began on July 16th and ends on Sept. 30th. All bales must be removed by Nov. 12, 2010. For more information, please contact your local county FSA office.

CRP General Sign-Up 39 started Aug. 2 and ended on Aug. 27, 2010

USDA Farm Service Agency recently completed the Conservation Reserve Program General Sign-up 39 - the first general signup since 2006. General Signup 39 (SU 39) was developed to continue acceptance of environmentally-sensitive land by entering into new 10-to-15-year contracts. All SU 39 offers will be ranked nationally based on an Environmental Benefits Index to determine which offers qualify to be enrolled into CRP. The National offer ranking process has already begun. Persons with accepted offers must sign the required paperwork by Sept. 17, 2010 so that all SU 39 contracts can be approved by Sept. 30, 2010. The effective date of SU 39 contracts will be Oct. 1, 2010. USDA is authorized to maintain CRP enrollment up to 32 million acres. CRP provides conservation practices that preserve the soil, clean water, and restore wildlife habitat. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for annual rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance

Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium set for Oct. 5-6 in Helena



The annual Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Symposium will be held October 5 and 6, 2010 at the Montana Club in Helena, Mont. 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 **Sept. 22, 2010** to: Andrea Ceartin at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service 3710 Fallon St., Suite B; Bozeman, MT 59718 or reach her at 406-522-4025 or 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 **Sept. 15, 2010**. The 2010 NILE dates are Oct. 9-16, 2010.

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEES:

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level.

Farmers and ranchers who serve on committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. Committees provide local input on:

- Commodity price support loans and payments;
- Conservation programs;
- Set rates and yields for the local area;
- Incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities;
- Emergency programs.

FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. Committee members apply their knowledge of local resource needs to make local decisions.



Rosebud COC member, Rob Sorenson, surveys winter wheat stands.

~COC Elections ~

Watch your Mailbox!

November 5, 2010: Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters.

December 6, 2010: Last day to return voted ballots to your local FSA office.



Congratulations!

To the Rosebud and Treasure County FSA Staff who recently received awards for program area administration and performance at the Annual Appreciation Day held in July.

State Executive Director Bruce Nelson and District Director Heidi Brewer presented the awards.

ACRE Program:

Commingled commodities harvested from ACRE and non-ACRE elected farms must be placed under separate loans. Warehouse stored ACRE commodities require separate warehouse receipts. If ACRE and non-ACRE production cannot be distinguished separately, then the entire quantity is subject to the 30 percent reduction in marketing assistance loan rates.

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.

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Succession in Interest changes must be reported by Sept. 30

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 **Sept. 30**, 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.



Farm Loan personnel is available at the Rosebud County FSA office on the second Tuesday of every month. Contact Jeff Janshen, Farm Loan Manager (406)232-7905 if you have any questions, or would like to schedule an appointment.

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 13 - Managed Grazing Period Ends
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
October 2010 - 2010 DCP and ACRE direct payments issued. 2009 additional ACRE payments, if applicable, will also be issued this fall.

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