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The Big Horn Bulletin

BEWARE OF CROP INSURANCE REBATING SCHEMES

With the spring sales closing date for many Federal crop insurance policies right around the corner, crop insurance agents have been marketing their products aggressively. Producers report that some agents have approached them with promises of lower insurance premiums, refunds, or dividends. Most of these schemes are not legal. The Risk Management Agency and state insurance regulators have stepped up their efforts to uncover illegal rebating. Those producers who are found to participate in these schemes will not only lose their crop insurance coverage but may also become ineligible for other government programs. Producers can report suspicions of illegal rebating to the OIG Hotline: 1-800-424-9121

NAP Application Deadline

April 1, 2008 is the deadline date for producers to apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or NAP coverage, using Form CCC-471. The application and service fee must be filed by the applicable closing date for each of the **2008 spring seeded NAP crops**. To remain eligible for NAP, a producer must annually report the crop, including: type, variety, location, producer shares, date planted, and the intended use (hay, forage, grazing etc.). Once the crop is harvested the production must also be reported. The application service fee is \$100 per crop per county or \$300 per producer per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$900 per producer with farming interest in multiple counties. Limited resource producers may request a waiver of service fees. In the event of a crop failure caused by natural disaster, the producer needs to notify the local FSA office by completing a "Notice of Loss" (form CCC-576). The notice of loss must be executed within 15 days of the date the damage became apparent.



South Big Horn Conservation District News

The South Big Horn Conservation District has launched a website to inform interested surfers of the activities in the District and to provide other information about the District. The address is www.conservewy.com/sbhcd. This site is tied in with the Wyoming Association of Conservation District's domain name so it makes for a long address to remember. The Board would suggest that you bookmark this site for easy access in the future.

The website houses a huge amount of information for those that desire to log on. The Conservation District's Annual Plan of Work, Annual Report, Long-Range Plan and the recently DEQ approved Watershed Plan are some of the documents that are available by visiting the website. By following the link, "Other Recent Projects", on the home page viewers will find links to some of the most recent activities conducted by the Board--the Small Acreage Seminar held in August at the Big Horn County Fairgrounds, a bio-diesel

demonstration co-sponsored by the District during county fair, and the feedlot tour conducted in October at Coble Brothers Ranch, Rocking JR Ranch, and Russell Farms. (Continued on back page)

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Return Service Requested

Important Dates

April 1, 2008-NAP Sales Closing Date Spring Crops
April 11, 2008 – Final Date for Tree Applications
April 30, 2008 – Tree Pickup Date

A "Water Quality Projects" link showcases some of the feedlots and septic systems that were brought into compliance by local landowners with the help of both state and federal dollars and Conservation District and NRCS efforts. One page provides a list of all of the past cooperators that have been honored by the District over the years as well as an article on the 2007 Cooperator of the Year, Russell Farms from Basin. Some past honorees have submitted information about their operations to the District and this information is available for your reading and enjoyment.

The "Big Horn District News and Events" link will keep you informed of the meetings of the Board and any upcoming activities. If you are interested in ordering any trees from the District this year, the order blank for doing so links off the home page. A list of Board members and email addresses as well as a list NRCS and CD Employees and their contacts are provided on a "Board/Staff" page.

Please take a few minutes and explore the website. Contact Linda Hamilton, web maintenance, with any suggestions and corrections. Linda's email address is hr@tctwest.net and the phone number to contact is 307-469-2272.

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