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The Big Horn Bulletin

LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

Did you suffer above normal livestock losses during 2008 and/or 2009?

The **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** provides financial assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from natural disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The losses must be a direct result of an adverse weather condition. Eligible adverse weather events include but are not limited to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat or cold, tornados, lightning, and earthquakes. Note that drought is not a qualifying event.

Eligible livestock are adult/non-adult cattle, buffalo and beefalo, equine, sheep, alpacas, emus, swine, goats, llamas, poultry and domestic elk, deer and reindeer. Ineligible livestock include animals that died as a result of disease not related to adverse weather, malnutrition, or poor handling practices.

Payment rates are per head by livestock kind/type and weight range. Owners will be paid 75% of fair market value of the livestock as determined by FSA. All calculations will be performed separately by eligible livestock (kind, type, and weight range)

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

| Date of Livestock Death | Final Date to File a Notice of Loss | Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Calendar Year 2008 | Sept. 13, 2009 | Sept. 13, 2009 |
| Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009 | Sept. 13, 2009 | Jan. 30, 2010 |
| July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009 | 30 days after death is apparent | Jan. 30, 2010 |

For more information or to file an application please contact the Big Horn County Farm Service Agency.

ATTENTION ALL BUYERS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

It is required that buyers of agriculture products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found, you are required to place the lien holders name on the check as well as that of the Seller. Ag Products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops. Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer! You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-307-777-7311 to determine if there is a lien on a product you are buying.

New Farm Storage Facility Loan Regulations

We have received the new regulations for the Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL). These new regulations have made major changes to this program. If you are interested in constructing a facility for your grains and now even your hay please stop by or call this office for further details.

NEW ELIGIBILITY PAPERWORK FOR PRODUCERS

All producers receiving payments will be required to fill out new payment eligibility forms for 2009 programs and provide current information for FSA to verify ownership and signature authority for all entities requesting program benefits. The paperwork includes the CCC-926 – Average Adjusted Gross Income; CCC-902 – Farm Operating Plan for an Individual or Entity; and AD-1026 – Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification. Please keep in mind that all paperwork must be completed prior to receiving payments for the 2009 crop year.

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS “Lender of First Opportunity”

Farm Service Agency has programs that can help farmers and ranchers get started and keep going! Loan assistance for eligible: Beginning farmers and ranchers • Rural Youths • Socially disadvantaged producers • Established farmers suffering setbacks • Farmers with limited resources. All loans must meet qualifying criteria to be eligible. Maximum loan amounts are \$300,000 for Direct Farm Ownership and Operating loans; \$1,049,000 for Guaranteed Farm Ownership and Operating loans. Youth loans are available for up to \$5,000 to individual youths to establish and operate income producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H Clubs, FFA and similar organizations.

Each fiscal year the Agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed loan funds to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers. A beginning farmer is someone who has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years. A socially disadvantaged applicant is someone who is one of a group whose members have been subject to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice.

If you have questions regarding the Farm Loan Program or wish to make an appointment, please contact Bill Morrison at 347-2456 Ext. 2 or Kathy Palazzolo at 754-9411, Ext 2.

Crop Insurance and Non-Insurable Assistance Program (NAP) Deadlines Approaching

Fall Crop Insurance Closing Date

U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency reminds producers in Wyoming that the fall sales closing date is **September 30, 2009**. Fall sales closing and cancellation dates are applicable for wheat, in counties with both a fall and spring sales closing date, and forage production (alfalfa).

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program has specific requirements for the 2010 crop year. To participate in the SURE program producers must purchase a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act for all insurable crops planted on all farms they have an interest in. In addition, if insurance is not available on a crop, producers will have to

file the required paperwork and pay the applicable fee by the deadline at the Farm Service Agency for the **noninsured crop assistance program (NAP)** for all uninsured crops planted on all farms they have an interest in to be eligible.

Pasture, Rangeland, Forage (PRF) crop insurance is available in Big Horn County. A Vegetative Index will

be utilized to determine the amount of vegetation greenness and is used to estimate plant condition in approximately 4.8 x 4.8 mile grids. The nationwide insurance coverage map is on the USDA Web site: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/pasturerangeforage/>. This web site also has a mapping tool to locate which land is insurable. It also has historical data, coverage details and a premium calculator. The Group Risk Rangeland plan of insurance has been discontinued.

Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Reminders

FSA can provide coverage for non insurable forage crops including your grazing under **NAP**. FSA's NAP coverage is for crops not covered by RMA. The deadline to purchase NAP coverage for hay and grazing losses is **December 1, 2009**. An important reminder is all of your crops excluding grazing must be covered by either Crop Insurance or NAP to be eligible for the crop disaster program know as SURE (Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program). The NAP application fee is \$250 per crop per county with a maximum of \$750. If you have multiple counties, the fee cannot exceed \$1,875.

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP)

Loan deficiency payments are available if the posted county price goes below the loan rate. As of August 12, barley is 7 cents away from reaching this point and corn is \$1.07 off. Currently only wool and unshorn pelt LDP's have payments available, but as market prices drop more commodities may become eligible for payment. The web site for viewing daily LDP rates is <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. Click view daily LDP rates and PCP data in the right hand column then choose the correct state and county. CCC 633 EZ forms need to be filed for the 2009 program year should LDP's become available. Payments are made based on the date you lose beneficial interest in a commodity. You are encouraged to keep all load tickets and/or delivery sheets. Wool and unshorn pelt LDP's can be paid as soon as the necessary paperwork is filed.

Commodity Loans Available For 2009 Commodities in Storage

Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, feed grains (Barley, corn, oats), honey, wool and mohair. This assistance is available to eligible producers beginning with harvest season and extending through the program year.

The 2008 Farm Bill included several changes to the Marketing Assistance Loan and Loan Deficiency Payment program. Some of the changes include: 1) Beginning with the 2009 crop year, marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments will no longer be subject to a per person payment limit; 2) Loan rates will no longer be adjusted on warehouse-stored loans by premiums and discounts at loan making time; 3) Beginning with the 2009 crop year, warehouse-stored loans will be adjusted by premiums and discounts only at loan settlement, if the commodity is either farm-stored delivered or warehouse-stored forfeited; and 4) The Commodity Credit Corporation will no longer require the execution of a storage agreement in storage facilities that are either 1) federally-licensed or 2) in compliance with applicable state laws and issue warehouse receipts. This provision also begins with the 2009 crop year.

MAL's are nine month loans. The current interest rate for August is 1.5 percent. The 2009 loan rate for each commodity is as follows:

Corn \$2.11/bu Barley \$1.80/bu Oats \$1.25/bu Wheat(Spring) \$3.26/bu Wheat(Winter) \$2.43/bu

The final date to request a commodity loan for barley, oats, and wheat is March 31, 2010, and for corn May 31, 2010. If you plan on holding your crop for awhile and need some operating money until the commodity is sold, a MAL might just be a good option to look at. For further information on the Commodity Loans please contact this office.



Direct Deposit Changes

Some changes to be aware of after this office deposits payments to your bank account. 1) there will now be a one day delay in receipt of funds due to our payments needing to be sent through the treasury, 2) any producer with a delinquent Federal debt will automatically be offset when the payment is sent through the treasury, and 3) the description of the payments used to show up on your bank statements as "USDA-FSAKSMOCDSP" and they now will read "FSA TREAS 310".

If you have any questions concerning these changes please feel free to contact this office

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Special Accommodations will be made for the physically handicapped, vision- or hearing-impaired person upon request. If accommodations are required, please call Bryan Schoenfelder, CED at (307)765-2689.

Important Dates:

September 7, 2009 – Office Closed Labor Day
September 13, 2009 – Deadline to file LIP Notice of Loss (See Article)
September 30, 2009 – Sales Closing Date Fall Crop Insurance
October 12, 2009 – Office Closed Columbus Day
November 11, 2009 – Office Closed Veterans Day
November 26, 2009 – Office Closed Thanksgiving
December 1, 2009 – NAP Fall Crop Deadline