



NEWSLETTER



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CROP REPORTING

July 15, 2013 Deadline

The annual, timely and accurate reporting of acres for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments.

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. Crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

Crop reports, form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. In Wyoming, producers need to file their 2013 acreage reports for spring seeded crops and CRP by July 15, 2013.

Prevented Planting: Prevented planting needs be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

Failed Acreage: Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

2013 and subsequent years' acreage reporting deadlines:

- Spring seeded crops and CRP-July 15
- Perennial Forage, PRF, Fall Wheat, and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains-November 15

This means your 2014 perennial hay/forage crops and winter wheat reporting deadline will be November 15, 2013.

2013 DCP/ACRE SIGN-UP

2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment runs through August 2, 2013.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- All producers planting on **DCP base** acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.
- Changes on the farm after enrolled in DCP/ACRE **must** be reported to your local FSA office. This includes: Ownership changes: Producer changes (Individuals and Entities); Change in crop shares arrangements.

Note: Changes cannot be made after Sept. 30, 2013.

We remind growers of Fruit & Vegetables (FAV) of possible DCP payment impacts. Applicable FAV's include dry beans. We suggest that if you are planning on planting any FAV's on a farm that will be enrolled in DCP for 2013, to address your intentions with this office and we can estimate if and how this would affect your payments.

2013 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nomination for candidates for this year's County Committee election will be held for LAA Local Administrative Area number 2 and will be accepted June 3 through August 3, 2013. LAA 2 correlates with the area in south Big Horn County that is west of the Big Horn River. Shawn Bullinger is currently serving his third term as LAA 2 representative to the county committee.

Farmers and ranchers who serve on the committee help with the decisions necessary to administer government farm programs in their counties. Members provide local input and make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues.

Committee members serve on the board for a three year term not to exceed 9 consecutive years. Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. FSA encourages beginning farmers or ranchers, women farmers or ranchers, and organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities to participate in the County Committee election process.

The nomination form (FSA-669A) is available at our county FSA office or may be obtained online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected.

FSA COC Nomination Deadline

County committee members play a crucial role in helping the county office staff implement the Farm Bill Programs. Right now, producers can have an impact on the election of the county committee by nominating eligible candidates by the **August 1, 2013** deadline. This year the committee election will be held for the Local Administrative Area 2, this area covers all land west of the Big Horn River, South of Sheep Mountain, and all farm ground south of Manderson to the Washakie County line. Currently this area is represented by Shawn Bullinger, who has unfortunately met his term limits.

A list of persons who are eligible to run for the county committee is available from this office. If you wish to run or want to nominate a fellow producer for the county committee, please contact this office for a nomination form (FSA-669A), also available online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Dates to Remember

June 17 – Aug 1, 2013 – Nomination period for County Committee

July 4, 2013- Office closed

July 15, 2013-Deadline to report spring seeded crops

August 2, 2013 – DCP sign-up deadline

November 15, 2013- Deadline to report perennial forage and fall seeded crops

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