

SERVICE CENTER NEWS

Campbell County Wyoming

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Wool, Mohair & Pelt Loans or LDP's

Producers have until **January 31, 2009** to request a 9 month marketing assistance loan or agree to forego the loan for a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) on their Wool, Mohair or Unshorn Pelts. A CCC-633 EZ Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement must be filed before beneficial interest is lost on a commodity. After this agreement is completed a producer can request an LDP on the date beneficial interest is lost or the date of delivery to a storage facility or stored at home where beneficial interest is maintained. Eligible producers of unshorn pelts may also apply for Loan Deficiency Payments. An unshorn pelt is defined as the removed skin and attached wool from a slaughtered lamb that has never been shorn. To be eligible for an LDP for unshorn pelts, producers must have owned the unshorn lamb for at least 30 calendar days before the date of slaughter and sell the unshorn lamb for immediate slaughter. Immediate slaughter is considered slaughter of the lamb within a 7 to 10 day period, after the loss of beneficial interest. Eligible producers are considered to have lost beneficial interest on the date of delivery or the date of the receipt of payment, whichever comes earliest. The completion of a CCC-633EZ LDP Agreement is also required on unshorn pelts before beneficial interest is lost.

County Office Committee Election

Producers in Local Administrative Area 3, the area of Campbell County south of Interstate-90, will be receiving ballots to elect their COC representative for the next 3 years. Ballots will be counted December 8, 2008, at 2:00 pm during the regular County Office Committee meeting. ***Completed and SIGNED*** ballots must have been received in the county office or postmarked no later than December 1, 2008.

Selling Land

If you're planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, if you're planning to sell land that's enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you might have to refund all of the payments you've received to date.

Reviewing program implications with your local Farm Service Agency staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.

Continuous CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows participants the opportunity to enroll acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources.

The Continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment.

To be eligible for enrollment in the Continuous CRP, participants and acreage must meet certain requirements. Provided the eligibility requirements are met, FSA will automatically accept enrollments of acreage into Continuous CRP. Landowners may enroll in the program at any time during the year. Continuous CRP practices include; grassed waterways, filter strips, quail buffers and wetland restorations.

For more information on Continuous CRP enrollments or local Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) availability, please contact your local FSA office.

Farm Reconstitutions

In program terminology, farms are *constituted* to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.



Holiday Open House

hosted by

Farm Service Agency,

Natural Resources Conservation Services
and Campbell County Conservation District

Thursday, December 11th

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Stop in for a visit and some great snacks.

The staff will be available to answer questions and
visit with you about how our agencies can assist you.



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 8, 2008 – Ballots counted at 2:00 pm COC meeting
December 25, 2008 – Christmas Day Holiday – County Office Closed
January 1, 2009 – New Years Day Holiday – County Office Closed
January 19, 2009 – Martin Luther King Holiday – County Office Closed
January 31, 2009 – Deadline for 2008 Wool LDP's

IMMEDIATELY --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss

- Notify County office of any changes in Direct Deposit information,
 - Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, etc.
- Any time
- CRP Continuous Signup
 - Paid measurement services from FSA

Office Hours are from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Producers are urged to call for an appointment, so the office staff can assist you timely. Due to the computer environment, some applications/processes are unable to be completed after 4:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above dates or information in this newsletter, please contact the County office for more information (307) 682-8843, ext.2.

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