

# **SERVICE CENTER NEWS**

**Campbell County Wyoming**

**JANUARY 2009**

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## **COC Election Results**

Lee Isenberger was re-elected to serve a 3-year term as representative for LAA#3. **Thank you to the producers who participated in the election by voting for your area representative.**

## **Deadline to Request 2008 Wool, Mohair & Pelt Loans or LDP's and New 2009 Sign-Up**

Producers have until **February 2, 2009** (January 31 falls on a Saturday, County Offices shall continue to accept requests until the next business day) to request a 9 month Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) or agree to forego the loan for a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) on their Wool, Mohair or Unshorn Pelts for 2008 crop year. 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 may 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.

As of January 2, 2009, the FSA office has been accepting page 1 of the CCC-633EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement for the 2009. MAL and LDP requests for 2009 graded and ungraded wool, mohair and unshorn pelts will be accepted through February 1, 2010 (January 31 falls on a Sunday, County Offices shall continue to accept requests until the next business day). This form was mailed out to producers on January 8, 2009 and must be completed prior to loss of beneficial interest as explained above. If you did not receive this form in the mail, please contact the FSA office.

Rules and regulations for the 2009 crop year will remain much the same as for 2008. Please refer to the above information.

### **Note:**

- Unshorn pelts are eligible for LDP only.
- Wool Loan, Loan Repayment and LDP rates are announced weekly on graded and ungraded wool/mohair. Rates may be viewed at the internet site: [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/mktrprclean2.xls](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/mktrprclean2.xls).

## **ANNOUNCING 2009 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP) SIGNUP**

Each eligible producer on a farm will be given the opportunity to enroll in Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE). Signup for DCP began on December 22, 2008 and will run through June 1, 2009. Guidelines and payment rates will remain much the same as in 2008, with exceptions to new regulations that no longer provide for a "late-filed" signup period or fee. Therefore, all farms must have a CCC-509 contract signed and dated by **June 1, 2009**.

### **Eligible Producers**

To be eligible for DCP payments, owners, operators, landlords, tenants, or sharecroppers must:

- share in the risk of producing a crop on base acres on a farm enrolled in DCP, and be entitled to share in the crop available for marketing from the base acres or would have shared, had a crop been produced;
- annually report the use of the farm's cropland acreage;
- comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements on all of their land;
- comply with planting flexibility requirements;
- use the base acres for agricultural or related activities;
- **protect all base acres from erosion**, including providing sufficient cover as determined necessary by the county FSA committee, and **control weeds**.

### **Direct Payments**

The 2008 Farm Bill continues the direct payment rates that began under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Direct payment rates for the eligible DCP commodities are as follows:

Wheat: \$0.52 per bushel

Corn: \$0.28 per bushel

Grain Sorghum: \$0.35 per bushel

Barley: \$0.24 per bushel

Oats: \$0.024 per bushel

For each commodity, the total direct payment for the 2009 crop year, for producers on a farm, is calculated by:

**83.3% of the farm's base acreage X the farm's direct payment yield X the direct payment rate.**

### **Counter-Cyclical Payments**

In addition to direct payments, the 2008 Farm Bill authorizes counter-cyclical payments, which provide support counter to the cycle of market prices as part of a "safety net" in the event of low crop prices. Counter-cyclical payments for a commodity are only issued if the effective price for a commodity is below the target price for the commodity. Target prices, as provided by the 2008 Farm Bill, for each commodity are as follows:

The counter-cyclical payment rate is the amount by which the target price of each commodity exceeds its effective price. The effective price for each commodity equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of:

- the national average market price received by producers during the marketing year as determined by the secretary or
- the national loan rate for the commodity

### **Timing of Payments**

For crop years 2009 through 2011, producers may elect to receive their direct payments in two installments:

- The first advance payment for up to 22 percent of the total payment is provided by statute to be made available for crop years beginning 2009 through 2011, beginning in December of the calendar year prior to the harvest year.
- The balance of the total direct payment is available in October of the crop year. Producers who do not elect to take the first direct payment will receive the entire direct payment that October.
- For 2012, there is no advanced direct payment.

For crop years 2009 through 2010, producers may elect to receive two counter-cyclical payments per year:

- A partial payment will be available after completion of 180 days of the marketing year for the crop. These payments cannot exceed 40 percent of the total projected payment.
- Final payments are made beginning October 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, after the end of the marketing year for the crop. Producers who do not elect to take the partial payment will receive the entire counter-cyclical payment at this time.
- For Fiscal years 2011 and 2012, there are no partial counter-cyclical payments. Final payments are made beginning October 1, or as soon as practical thereafter, following the end of the marketing year for the crop.

Producers must refund to the FSA counter-cyclical payments that exceed the final and total counter-cyclical payment for each respective crop. This situation may occur when the actual market prices exceed the projected market prices used in determining the partial counter-cyclical payment rates.

### **Sign-up Period**

The DCP sign-up period for the 2009 crop began Dec.22, 2008 and ends June 1, 2009. Annual sign-ups for the 2010-2012 crops will begin Oct. 1 of the applicable contract year and end June 1 of that contract year, set in accordance with DCP regulations. The CCC-509 sign-up contract, "Direct and Counter-cyclical Program Contract," includes base acres, payment acres, payment yields, producer payment shares, advance direct and counter-cyclical payment selections, and signatures of the producer and county office representative.

Unlike years past, providers may NOT enroll a farm in DCP after June 1 of the applicable contract period. There are no late filed provisions for contract years 2009 – 2012.

All owners and operators who will share in the DCP payments on the farm must sign the CCC-509 by June 1 of the contract period.

Farm producers must apply for DCP on an annual basis. The following documents are required and applicable determinations must be made before the county committee can approve a producer's share on the CCC-509 for payment:

- a farm operating plan (CCC-902 and related forms);
- an average adjusted gross income certification (CCC-926);
- A certification of compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions (AD-1026).

A certification of the acreage of all cropland on the farm (FSA-578 acreage report) is needed before final payments can be issued. Final FSA-578, deadline is July 1, 2009.

NOTE: The CCC-509, DCP contract **will not** be approved unless all producers sharing in base acres with more than a zero share have signed and submitted all applicable documentation. For those producers with an interest but a zero share of the contract, the contract can not be approved before all producers have signed or provided supportive documents, such as cash leases instead of signing for a zero share. Before producers can receive payments, **each producer must satisfy all other program eligibility requirements including, but not limited to, filing a new farm operating plan and adjusted gross income certification for 2009.**

The 2008 Farm Bill will implement a new program called ACRE (Average Crop Revenue Election Program). Acre is a component of the Farm Bill safety net that protects against crop revenue shortfall resulting from price and/or production declines at state and farm level. ACRE provides "counter-cyclical" protection on crops a producer plants on the farm, not on base acres/historical crops on the farm. Further information to implement this program will be released at a later date.

Producers are advised to call your local FSA office for appointments to sign-up for the DCP program. Election of the ACRE program may be selected at a later date if it is determined by the producer that this program would be more beneficial to your operation.

### **\*\*NEW\*\* 2009 Payment Eligibility forms for all producers**

The 2008 Farm Bill, passed last May, changed the requirements for program payment eligibility. Therefore all producers will be required to file all new eligibility forms prior to receiving any program payments! ***The new forms are quite involved, producers are advised to call ahead for an appointment to ensure that personnel will be available to help you with the forms.***

### **\*\*NEW\*\* 2009 Power Of Attorney forms**

The 2008 Farm Bill, passed last May, also changed the required entries on the FSA-211 Power of Attorney form. New updated forms are required if the "correct" entries are not checked on the old forms.

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 2, 2009 – Deadline for 2008 Wool LDP's

February 16, 2009-President's Day Holiday – County Office Closed

**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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