

# SERVICE CENTER NEWS

Campbell County Wyoming

NOVEMBER 2009

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## COUNTY OFFICE COMMITTEE ELECTION

Producers in Local Administrative Area 2 will be receiving ballots to elect their COC representative for the next 3 years. This is the LAA currently represented by Rex A Brown.

Rex will be leaving the committee December 31, 2009, ending his service of eight years as a member of the County office committee and six years as an alternate member prior to that.

**The County Office Staff would like to extend our sincere thanks to Rex for all of his time and assistance provided over the past 14 years. We will miss his presence at our committee meetings.**

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed November 6, 2009. **Completed and SIGNED ballots must be received in the county office or postmarked no later than December 7, 2009.**

## REPORTING 2009 PRODUCTION

Now is the time to bring in your 2009 production on your NAP crops while this information is fresh on your mind. Please bring in maps or documentation that shows the acres that were hayed, bale counts and weights of bales or total tons. All documents must be signed and dated. You have until July 1, 2010 to report your production. Failure to turn in production will decrease your yield history which will cost program benefits.

## 2010 NAP (NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

NAP policies for crop year 2010 coverage may now be purchased at the FSA office. The deadline for purchasing the NAP coverage is **December 1, 2009**. Crops covered by NAP are limited to; grass hay, small grains planted for hay, small grains not covered by federal crop insurance and native range or grazed crops. **NOTE:** Wheat forage, including both winter and spring varieties, must be purchased by December 1, 2009. For NAP purposes wheat is wheat, regardless of the variety and has the same closing date.

April 1, 2010 is the deadline to purchase a 2010 NAP policy on all spring seeded crops for forage (except spring wheat). Spring seeded forage crops include: Oats, Barley, Triticale, Millet, Sorghum, and Rye.

Policies will cost \$250 per crop not to exceed \$750 per county and not to exceed \$1,875 per producer for all counties. The NAP policy provides payment for losses in excess of 50% of the expected production from the established Actual Production History yield (APH) and pays on 55% of the established market price of the covered crop.

***Failure to purchase NAP or Federal Crop Insurance coverage may result in loss of disaster program benefits.***

**NOTE:** Federal Crop Insurance fall closing date for insurable crops: fall seeded grains, ALF, AGM, GMA hay was September 30, 2009. Rangeland and grazed crops have a sales closing date of November 30, 2009. The deadline for spring seeded crops is March 15, 2010.

## **2010 DCP Enrollment is Underway**

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program has begun and will continue through June 1, 2010. Producers can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP or ACRE contract.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2010, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 1, 2009. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-month marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. For the 2010 crop, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2008 and 2009 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the state revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the state expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

The June 1, 2010, deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications. For more information on DCP or ACRE, please visit your FSA county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## **2009 DCP Payments**

Most 2009 DCP payments have been issued. Check your bank account to see if you have received yours. Payment statements for these payments have been delayed and are arriving in the mail several days after the payment is in the bank. Due to software problems with the new payment process in Kansas City, some payments have not been issued. These problems are being worked on and payments should be issued soon.

## **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)**

### **REMINDER:**

Producers who filed livestock losses due to our 2009 spring storms need to turn in their documentation to support their claim. Please call the office to set up an appointment and to discuss the necessary documentation needed to receive payments under this program.

## **Farm Storage Facility Loan Program**

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rate is fixed for the loan term based on the rate in effect during the month the loan is initially approved.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. If interested, please contact your FSA office.

**Attention: Water Well Contractors and residents wishing to have water wells installed on their property**

As of June 30, 2008 all contractors performing services by drilling water wells or installing a water well pump must be licensed with the State Board of Examining Water Well Drilling Contractors and Water Well Pump Installation Contractors. This bill (33-42-101 through 117) was signed into law by the Governor in March 2008 and affects all drilling of water wells and installation of water well pumps in Wyoming.

In addition to being licensed each, water well drilling and pump installation, contractor must be insured; as well as accumulating continuing education hours to renew his/her license. A minimum of 18 clock hours are required every 3 years before the license is valid.

Please help spread the word to Wyoming residents who wish to have water wells drilled and/or water well pump installed that it must be done by a licensed contractor. Unfortunately, we have already been getting complaints of related services being done by unlicensed contractors. More information is available on the Wyoming Water Well Association website: <http://www.wywaterwell.org/wyocertification.htm> .

Please call or email if you have any questions, my contact information is below.

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**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

**The Gillette Service Center will be hosting our annual Holiday Open House on**

**December 10, 2009**

**1:00 to 3:00 pm**

**Please join us for holiday treats and good holiday company!**



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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Current – Report LIP livestock losses within 30 days of when losses occurred

Report NAP crop losses within 15 days of when losses are apparent

Nov. 11, 2009 – Veteran’s Day Holiday - County Office Closed

Nov. 26, 2009 – Thanksgiving Day Holiday – County Office Closed

Dec. 1, 2009 – Final date to purchase 2010 NAP coverage on grazed crops and grass hay crops.

Dec. 7, 2009 – Final date to return or postmark voted ballots

Dec. 10, 2009 – Holiday Open House 1-3pm

Dec. 14, 2009 – Votes counted at COC meeting for election

Dec. 25, 2009 – Christmas Day Holiday – County Office Closed

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

--Notify County office of any changes in Mailing Addresses, Direct Deposit information, changes to Trusts, LLC’s, Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes including leases and ownership, 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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