



NEWSLETTER



SERVICE CENTER NEWS

Campbell County Wyoming

January 2011

Farm Service Agency

County Committee

307-682-8843, ext. 2
Lee Isenberger, Chairperson
David C Reed, Regular Member
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Natural Resources

Conservation Services

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Tim Kellogg, District Conservationist
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Campbell County

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Judy Bishop, PT
Rob Weppner, FLM

District Board Members

Richard Bonine, Jr
Travis Hakert
Jason Oedekoven
Brenda Schladweiler
Richard VanCampen

COC Election Results

Congratulations to Amanda Sorenson. Amanda was elected to serve a 3-year term as representative for LAA#1. **Thank you to Amanda and the producers who participated in the election by voting for your area representative.**

January County Committee Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting for the County Office Committee (COC) will be held January 26th @ 1:00pm. Chairperson, vice-chairperson and member positions for the following year will be determined at this meeting.

County Office Committee Minutes Available to the Public

The minutes to the regular session of all County Office Committee (COC) meetings are available to the public in the county office.

Regular COC Meeting Date and Time Established

The established COC meeting date and time is the first Wednesday of each month, with the meeting beginning at 1:00pm.

SALES CLOSING DATE FOR NAP SPRING CROPS

The deadline for spring grains planted for hay and spring crops not covered by Federal Crop Insurance is **April 1, 2011**.

Deadline for Loans on 2010 Small Grains

March 31, 2011 is the deadline to apply for LDP - Loan Deficiency Payment or MAL - Marketing Assistance Loans on small grains and small grain hay crops harvested in 2010. Current loan rates are as follows:

Barley \$1.91/bu Oats \$1.32/bu HRW Wheat \$2.42/bu HRS Wheat \$3.66/bu

ANNOUNCING 2011 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP) SIGNUP

Signup for 2011 DCP is underway and will run through June 1, 2011. Guidelines and payment rates will remain much the same as in 2010, farms must have a CCC-509 contract signed and dated by **June 1, 2011**.

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 2011 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 for each commodity, as provided by the 2008 Farm Bill, 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.

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, 2011.

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 2011.**

The 2008 Farm Bill implemented 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 on the ACRE program can be obtained at the county office.

Deadline to Request 2010 Wool, Mohair & Pelt Loans or LDP's and New 2011 Sign-Up

Producers have until **January 31, 2011** 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 2010 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.

The FSA office is accepting page 1 of the CCC-633EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement for 2011. MAL and LDP requests for 2011 graded and ungraded wool, mohair and unshorn pelts will be accepted through January 31, 2012. This form will be mailed out to producers in the near future and must be completed prior to loss of beneficial interest as explained above. If you do not receive this form in the mail, please contact the FSA office.

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/mktpriclean2.xls.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Controlled Substance

Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium poppies and other drug producing plants.

Statement of Reasonable Accommodations - Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please contact the county office to make arrangements.

Farm Record Changes

If you have bought, sold, or are leasing different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA office as soon as possible after they occur. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or a recorded land contract. It is also the producer's responsibility to notify FSA of ANY changes in their farming operation or entity status throughout the year. Changes that may affect a determination include, but are not limited to a change in shares of a contract which may reflect change of land lease from cash rent to share rent or from share rent to cash rent; modification of a variable/fixed bushel rent arrangement; a change in the size of the producer's farming operation by the addition or deletion of a farm; a change in the structure of the farming operation, including any change in the member's shares; a change in the contributions of farm inputs of capital, equipment, active personal labor, or active personal management; and a change of farming interest not previously disclosed on CCC-902 or update, including the farming interests of a spouse or minor child. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in our programs.

CROP INSURANCE COMPLIANCE and FARM SERVICE AGENCY

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 requires Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency to work together to help prevent waste, fraud and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. To meet these requirements:

- FSA will assist RMA and insurance providers in monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season.
- FSA will refer suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse about the Federal Crop Insurance program to RMA.
- Producers may report suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to the local FSA office, RMA office or the Office of Inspector General.
- FSA will assist RMA with auditing claims.

If there are discrepancies between information reported to your crop insurance agent and information reported to FSA, we may be contacting you to determine the reason for the difference.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 31, 2010 – New Year’s Day Holiday – County Office Closed
Jan. 17, 2011 – Martin L King Birthday Observed – County Office Closed
Jan. 31, 2011 – Deadline for LDPs on Wool sheared in 2010

IMMEDIATELY --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss of crops
--File Notification of Loss Forms within 30 days of livestock losses due to a weather event
--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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