



NEWSLETTER



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Campbell County Wyoming

NOVEMBER 2012

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Holiday Open House

The annual Holiday Open House will be held 1:00 through 3:00 pm on December 6, 2012. Please stop by for holiday cheer and a snack.



2012 County Office Committee (COC) Election

Make certain your vote is counted!

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed, November 5, 2012, to voters in LAA#2 only.

To be counted, voted ballots must be completed, returned to the county office, and/or postmarked by December 3, 2012.

The ballots are scheduled to be counted at the December 10, 2012 COC meeting at 2:00pm as noted on the ballot.

If you do not receive a ballot and believe you should have, notify the Campbell County FSA Office.

2012 NAP Payments

Campbell County was determined to have experienced an 85% loss county-wide for crop year 2012.

Producers who had purchased 2012 NAP coverage and reported their losses, will be issued payments based on this percent of loss.

Producers must also meet program eligibility requirements prior to payments being disbursed. These requirements include documentation of 2012 leases, Adjusted Gross Income Certification for 2012 to name a few. If you have been contacted to provide additional information, please do so as soon as possible, **payments will not be issued until all program requirements are met.**

USDA Reminds Producers of December 1st Sales Closing Date for Noninsurable Crops

(Casper, WY) – October 30, 2012 – Wyoming USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Gregor Goertz reminds producers that they have until Monday, December 3, 2012, to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). ***The sales closing date is actually December 1, 2012, but producers have until Monday, December 3, 2012, to purchase coverage this year because December 1 falls on a weekend.***

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to mitigate risk," said Goertz. "The past few years have shown that natural disasters can severely impact an otherwise successful operation," he said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of December 1, 2012:

- All Fall seeded crops such as Winter Wheat
- Perennial Forage (hay) and Grazing crops including Alfalfa and alfalfa mixes, Grass Crops and native range.
- Honey

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the December 1st deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact your local County FSA office.

2013 Acreage Reporting Deadline

(Casper, WY) – October 25, 2012 – Gregor Goertz, WY State Executive Director Farm Service Agency (FSA) wants to remind producers of the importance of new reporting requirements for all fall seeded crops, forage (hay) and perennial.

Producers of perennial forage crops (grass, hay, alfalfa, pasture & range land) must submit a 2013 acreage report for those crops by November 15, 2012 as well as all fall seeded wheat and other fall seeded small grains regardless of intended use. This is also the same date for these crops to be reported to your crop insurance agent when carrying federal crop insurance.

In prior years, reports for these crops were not due to FSA until later in July. This change is part of an initiative at the national level to align acreage reporting dates between FSA and Risk Management Agency (RMA).

All acreage must be reported for a farm, including crops on non-cropland such as hayed or grazed grassland and other cover crops. It is also important to accurately report crops' intended use. Intended use is used to determine eligibility in many FSA programs and cannot be revised once reported.

Producers should contact their local FSA county office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines. In order to meet FSA program eligibility requirements, producers must submit timely acreage reports. Reports filed after the established deadlines must meet certain requirements to be accepted and may be charged late fees.

For more information on FSA crop reporting requirements and other programs, visit your local FSA office or visit us online at www.fsa.usda.gov/wy.

FSA Farm Loans

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available. Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans have a maximum limit of \$1,302,000. The one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans is 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

Beginning and Limited Resource Loans

FSA has a program to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these targeted farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. Criteria for these special loans include:

- Has operated a farm for not more that 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's median size.

Each member of an entity must meet the eligibility requirements. Loan approval is not guaranteed. Additional program information, loan applications and other materials are available at the local USDA Service Center or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Interest Rates for November 2012	
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	1.125%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	3.125%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%
Emergency Loans	2.125%

Increased Guaranteed Loan Limit

The Farm Service Agency has announced that the loan limit for the Guaranteed Loan Program will increase to \$1,302,000 on Oct. 1, 2012.

The lending limit increases every year according to an inflation index. The maximum combined guaranteed and direct farm loan indebtedness will also increase to \$1,602,000.

As a reminder, the one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed Farm Ownership and Operating loans is 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan.

Producers should contact their local FSA County Offices with questions about farm loans.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 11, 2012 – County Office closed – Veteran’s Day Holiday

November 15, 2012 – Reporting date for 2013 Perennial Forage crops, Native Range, Fall Wheat

November 22, 2012 – County Office closed – Thanksgiving Day Holiday

December 3, 2012 – Deadline for voted ballots to be returned or postmarked

December 6, 2012 – Gillette Service Center Holiday Open House 1:00 – 3:00pm

December 10, 2012 – County Committee Meeting, ballots counted at 2:00pm

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

--Notify County office of any changes in Direct Deposit information,

--Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, Banking info 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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