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Campbell County FSA Updates

Name County FSA Office **Slate of Candidates for COC Election**

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Next scheduled County Office Committee Meeting:

December 9, 2013 @1:00pm

The slate of candidates was completed during the August 23rd committee meeting. Nominees Jody Cheser and Lindsay Wood were found to be eligible to run for the committee and will be on the election ballot. Ballots will be mailed in November.

Reporting 2013 NAP Losses

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

Producer Responsibilities

Publicizing Program Information or Details

FSA will assist persons by providing as much program information as it can in a variety of different ways. However, because of limits on FSA resources, publication may or may not be by direct mail or on an individual basis. FSA meets its publication responsibilities by making broad program announcements in the press, print and electronic media, Federal register documents, radio and television announcements, and through posting program information in USDA Service Centers.

The reality of limited resources has increased the participant's responsibility for being aware of program provisions. FSA cannot be responsible for reaching out to every potential program participant with all program information. Participants must seek information on program details and not wait for FSA to individually write or communicate with them about program provisions.

As resources permit, COC will ensure that program provisions are publicized and maintain a record of any and all publicity efforts, including postings in the Service Center

Attention all Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that all buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found you are required to place the lien holder's name on the check as well as that of the Seller. Ag Products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops. **Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer!** You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-307-777-7311.

2014 Acreage Reporting Dates

Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses can prevent loss of many FSA program benefits and is a requirement of many of FSA programs.

Please note the following acreage reporting deadlines:

Perennial Forage, Perennial Rangeland Forage (PRF), Native Range, Fall Wheat and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains - **November 15, 2013**

Honey - January 2, 2014

Established Stand Alfalfa Seed, Fall Alfalfa Seed - January 15, 2014

Spring Alfalfa Seed, Spring Barley, Corn, Forage Seeding, Millet, Spring Oats, Spring Wheat, Sunflowers, and all other crops not listed - July 15, 2014

DCP Deadline

The sign-up period for DCP has been extended and is still open. Producers are encouraged to sign before the extended Sept. 16, 2013, deadline. For an appointment or more information, contact the FSA county office.

CRP Maintenance Notification

CRP cover maintenance is the participant's responsibility. Participants shall maintain CRP cover according to their conservation plan and shall ensure:

- * that adequate approved cover is maintained to control erosion
- * compliance with local noxious weed commission
- * control of other weeds that are not considered noxious

Annual mowing of CRP for generic weed control is prohibited. All CRP maintenance activity such as mowing, burning, and spraying, must be conducted outside the primary nesting season and according to your conservation plan.

Drought Contingency Plan Workshops for USFS and BLM Permittees

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture will be hosting a series of workshops across the state to help USFS and BLM permittees develop drought contingency plans for their grazing permits. The workshops will be held in eight communities across Wyoming during September and October, 2013. Partners for this project include the Wyoming

Stock Growers Association, the Wyoming Association of Conservation District, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service.

The goals of the workshops are to help participants understand the role drought contingency plans play with respect to their grazing permit and the importance of developing a plan. Participants will also learn about improving dialogue with federal agencies and better understanding the financial impacts of proactive planning for drought by comparing cost-savings of contingency plan to costs for emergency feed, transportation, etc. Presentations and panel discussions will provide an opportunity to hear from other permittees about best management practices and resources in their own region to help address these issues.

Agenda topics will include:

- The financial impacts of proactive drought planning
- Basic components of drought contingency plans including sample plans, agency policies and other factors to consider
- Communication strategies between permittees and federal agencies
- What's in your agency file?
- Panel presentations featuring local agency staff and permittees discussing effective drought contingency strategies
- Learn more about the resources in your area to address range management and monitoring assistance, technical expertise, the roles of your local Cooperative Extension Service and Conservation Districts, and more

More information about the workshops is available on the WDA website at <http://wyagric.state.wy.us/divisions/nrp/mediation-program/drought-workshops>. If you'd like more information, contact Lucy Pauley by phone (307) 777-8788 or email lucy.pauley@wyo.gov. The workshops are made possible in part by a grant from the Western Center for Risk Management, through work supported by USDA/NIFA under Award Number 2010-49200-06203.

Workshop Dates (all programs run from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.)

September 24: Rawlins – Carbon County Library
September 26: Douglas – Wyoming State Fairgrounds
October 1: Buffalo- Johnson County Library
October 2: Sundance – Crook County Library
October 15: Worland – Worland Community Center Complex
October 16: Lander – Fremont County Library
October 22: Pinedale – Sublette County Library
October 23: Kemmerer – Lincoln County Library

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 2, 2013 – Labor Day Holiday – County Office Closed

Sept 16, 2013 – Deadline for all 2013 crop reporting

Sept 16, 2013 – DCP Signup Deadline

Oct 14, 2013 – Columbus Day Holiday – County Office Closed

Nov 11, 2013 – Veteran's Day Holiday – County Office Closed

Nov 15, 2013 – 2014 Fall Acreage Reporting Deadline

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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