

June 2014



### Spring Seeded Crop reports

The deadline to report spring seeded acres is July 15, 2014. If you have not reported these acres, please call the office to schedule an appointment.

### 2013 APH's Signature Deadline.

For those producers that had NAP coverage for 2013 on their grass hay or grain hay crops, your APH (Actual Production History) forms **MUST** be signed by **July 15, 2014**.

If you already turned in your production, these forms have been mailed to you. Please sign, date, and return these forms immediately.

If you have not turned in your production, please bring it into the office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

### NEW CRP Signups

Continuous CRP Signup 46 began June 9, 2014. The authority for accepting Signup 46 offers expires September 30, 2014.

Restart of Transition Incentives Program (TIP) – The Agricultural Act of 2014 amendments to the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized \$33 million for the voluntary transition of land enrolled under an expiring CRP contract from a retired or retiring owner or operator to a veteran or beginning farmer or rancher, or socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer or rancher to return the land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

Retired or retiring owners and operators who qualify under TIP may be eligible to receive annual rental payments for up to 2 additional years after the CRP-1 expiration date provided the transition is **not** to a family member. Family members of the retired or retiring owners or operators may participate in TIP; however, the additional 2 years of annual rental payments will **not** be paid.

### Livestock Disaster Programs Signup Continuing

With the continuing signup for the Livestock disaster programs for 2012 and 2013, it is very important that your farm records are correct.

Please read the following and if any corrections need to be made, contact our office as soon as possible to complete these actions:

## Farm Service Agency County Committee Nomination Period

The nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees began June 15, 2014.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where the person is

nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections). Nomination forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Elections will take place this fall.

Campbell County Local Administrative Area 3 (LAA3) is the area that is holding election this year. LAA3 includes all of Campbell County South of Interstate I-90. Nominees to represent this area must be submitted no later than August 1, 2014.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3, 2014. Ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 1, 2014. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

### **Changes to Farming Operation**

Producers who have bought or sold land, or added or dropped rented/leased lands from their operation must report those changes to the FSA office as soon as possible. **An acreage report must be completed within 30 days after purchase or acquiring the lease.** A copy of the deed or recorded land contract for purchase property is needed to maintain accurate records with FSA. Failure to do so can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties.

### **Signature Authorizations**

While making record updates, be sure to update signature authorizations.

### **Bank Account Changes**

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into a bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office when an account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases the bank where payments are sent. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to bank accounts and routing numbers.

**Please Note: We have a new Fax Number!**

**County Office FAX Number – 855-415-3431**

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**July 4, 2014 – County Office closed – Independence day Holiday**

**July 15, 2014 – Deadline for Reporting Spring Planted Crops and for Signing 2013 AHP Reports**

**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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**Questions?**

Please contact CED Susan Kramer, County Executive Director, at 307-682-8843, [susan.kramer@wy.usda.gov](mailto:susan.kramer@wy.usda.gov) or for Farm Loans, please contact FLM Rob Weppner, Farm Loan Manager, at 307-682-8843, [rob.weppner@wy.usda.gov](mailto:rob.weppner@wy.usda.gov).

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