

# Farm Service Agency

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## FORT WASHAKIE OFFICE DAYS

You don't have to come to us, we'll come to you. The FSA program and loan staff is now offering business hours in Ft. Washakie. Appointments are encouraged, so that we can provide necessary forms and/or staff, but you are also welcome to just stop by and we will try to answer any of your questions. Office days will usually be held the first Wednesday of every month, from 1pm to 3pm, at the NRCS trailer next to the WIC building. Our next office day is **June 4<sup>th</sup>**; we look forward to seeing you!

## NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

2007 Notices of Losses are currently being processed. The Wind River Reservation rangeland was assessed at a 75% loss and the rest of the county was assessed at 70% loss. **All 2007 applications for payment and 2007 production needs to be requested and processed by July 1, 2008.**



## 2007 COC ELECTION INFORMATION

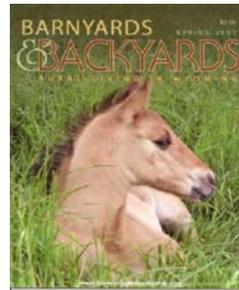
FSA is reaching out to agricultural communities to get equitable representation on their county committees. Please complete a nomination form (FSA-669A). Under represented farmers and ranchers are encouraged to step up and participate in their county's COC election process. COC election fact sheets can be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA>. Deadline for nominations is **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. This year eligible voters in Local Administrative Area 2, which encompasses all areas around Riverton excluding the Wind River Indian Reservation, will select a representative for their area. The incumbent for LAA 2 is John P. Stoll. If you know of someone who would be a good representative of agricultural producers, please nominate that person or if you could help promote the elections, please do so.

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## POPO AGIE CONSERVATIN DISTRICT



**Horse Management...  
Providing for your horses' health & healing**  
Saturday, June 14, 2008  
**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Museum of the American West in Lander.**  
**Free registration; Lunch will be provided.**  
**RSVP 332-3114 for your reservation.**

## ACREAGE REPORTING

Acreage reporting time is just around the corner. Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety. Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

The deadline for 2008 crop reports is **July 1, 2008**. Please note: they have increased the late filing fees from \$20.00 per farm to a starting rate of \$46.00 per farm. Don't be late!

## FOREIGN INVESTMENT ACT

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires foreign persons or entities who acquire, transfer, or hold a 5% or greater interest or who gross more than \$1,000 from any plot of agricultural land in the United States to report these holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture. These holdings and changes must be reported within 90 days after acquiring such interest. Foreign agricultural investors must report investments to the local FSA office on form FSA-153.



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## ! IMPORTANT DATES!!

May 26	Memorial Day - Office Closed
June 1	Crop Reporting Starts!!
July 1	Crop Report Deadline
July 1	2007 NAP Payment Deadline
July 1	2007 NAP Production Deadline
July 4	Fourth of July - Office Closed
Aug 1	Deadline for Reconstitutions
Aug 1	County Committee Nomination Deadline

### LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)



LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disaster occurring on January 1, 2006.

The following are among the types of livestock operations that will be eligible for LCP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine, or deer.

The payment rate for each livestock category will be 61 percent of the national payment rate. Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided. Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LCP benefits.

### FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) UPDATE

FSA has moved to the north end of the building at 508 North Broadway Ave here in Riverton. We also now have our own entrance. Next time you are in town, please stop in and say hi. Additional customer parking is available across the street. See you soon!

### CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disaster and related conditions that occurred in 2005 and 2006, and 2007 crops if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or in the case of prevented planting would have been planted before February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006, or 2007 must choose only one year to receive benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

**Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.**

Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price. The payment quantity for quality losses will be equal to the lesser of: (1) the actual production of the crop affected by a quality loss; or (2) at least 25 percent of the value that all affected production of the crop would have had if the crop had not suffered a quality loss. Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of the total value of the crop absent the disaster.



The NRCS and Lower Wind River Conservation District is considering applying for a grant to purchase bird escape ramps for livestock watering tanks. These escape ramps would be available to producers at a minimal cost. Depending on the grant, there is a possibility that these ramps could be free to producers. If you would be interested in receiving wildlife escape ramps for your livestock tanks please call the NRCS office so we can generate a list of interested landowners. 856-7524.