

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 **July 2nd**; 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 1st**. 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.

ACREAGE REPORTING

It's time! 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. 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 has been extended to **August 15, 2008**. Please note: they have increased the late filing fees from \$20.00 per farm to as starting rate of \$46.00 per farm. Don't be late!

SPOUSAL SIGNATURES



Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., we have a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information. If you want a crop loan, a power of attorney form will need to be completed for husband and wife, if both do not come into the office to sign the forms on the day the loan is disbursed.

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!

APPEAL PROCESS

After an FSA official makes a decision on your request for USDA services or application, you will be sent a letter informing you of the decision and options you can pursue if you disagree. Generally, program participants have choices — an informal review with the original agency decision-maker, an opportunity for mediation and appeal to the USDA National Appeal Division.



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DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)



Sign-up for crop year 2008 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) began June 16, 2008. Payments under DCP are based on the acreage base of the program crops on the farm and are paid whether or not you plant the respective crop. We encourage producers to enroll their farms in the DCP program as soon as possible. Advance payments equal to twenty-two percent of the farm's total entitlement

We will need copies of leases that have been renewed and let us know, as soon as possible, of any farm changes. With the new Farm Bill, 2008 DCP has been extended one year but will have a few changes which we should know more about soon and will keep you posted.

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.

! IMPORTANT DATES!!

- July 1 2007 NAP Payment Deadline
- July 1 2007 NAP Production Deadline
- July 4 Fourth of July - Office Closed
- July 18 Deadline for Livestock Compensation Program
- Aug 1 Deadline for Reconstitutions
- Aug 1 County Committee Nomination Deadline
- Aug 15 Deadline for Crop Reporting

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.

**** July 18th is the deadline ****

MEASUREMENT SERVICE RATES

FSA provides a number of measurement services for our producers that include: measuring crops after planting, measuring fields prior to planting, re-measuring previously measured acreages, verifying crops and disaster conditions and acreages, measuring or sampling farm stored grains and other commodity crops, and verifying crops for late-filed crop reports. The cost of this service has changed. It is now \$30 for the basic farm fee and \$16 for the first hour and \$8 for every 30 minutes after the first hour with a minimum of 1 hour charge.