



# Fremont County News

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## 2010 CROP REPORTING DEADLINE

The acreage reporting deadline is fast approaching, **July 1, 2010**. 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 of programs.

If you are a sugar beet grower, participate in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP), participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), participated in the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) including wool producers, and/or purchased multi-peril or catastrophic crop insurance, including honey bee producers, or if you participate in other USDA farm programs, you must file an acreage report to remain eligible for benefits. Crop reports are also used in calculating benefits if you suffer a crop loss on a non-insurable crop and apply for benefits under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP). If you are only insuring your pasture/rangeland acres, you will need to report those acres. If you do not report those acres, we will not know what we are insuring; moreover, your policy will not be valid. Please provide the office with current leasing records and/or deeds. You must also file an acreage report of fruits and vegetable for farms that are enrolled in DCP or ACRE rules.

We are currently taking crop reports on a first come first serve basis but would like to encourage you to make an appointment in order to facilitate the process. You may begin filing your acreage reports as soon as you have completed planting. You do not have to wait if you will not be planting any new 2010 crops.

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.

Late fees will apply to acreage reports that are filed after the **July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline**. Late fees start at \$46.00 per farm.

**FAILURE TO FILE AN ACREAGE REPORT  
WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF USDA  
BENEFITS.**

## EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)

USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought. Funding for ECP is appropriated by Congress.

ECP is administered by state and county FSA committees. Subject to availability of funds, locally-elected county committees are authorized to implement ECP for all disasters except drought, which is authorized at the national office of FSA.

County FSA committees determine land eligibility based on on-site inspections of damage, taking into account the type and extent of damage. For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would: impair or endanger the land; materially affect the land's productive capacity; represent unusual damage which, except for wind erosion, is not the type likely to recur frequently in the same area; and be so costly to repair that Federal assistance is or will be required to return the land to productive agricultural use.

Conservation problems existing prior to the applicable disaster are ineligible for ECP assistance. **You must apply before you begin repairs.**

ECP program participants receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency conservation practices, as determined by county FSA committees. Individual or cumulative requests for cost-sharing of \$50,000 or less per person, per disaster are approved at the county committee level. Cost-sharing from \$50,001 to \$100,000 is approved at the state committee level. Cost-sharing over \$100,000 must be approved by FSA's national office.

Technical assistance may be provided by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

To rehabilitate farmland, ECP program participants may implement emergency conservation practices, such as: remove debris; restore fences and conservation structures; and provide water for livestock in drought situations. Other conservation measures may be authorized by county FSA committees, with approval from state FSA committees and FSA's national office.

IMPORTANT  
DEADLINE!

FLOOD HELP



### NAP RECORDS

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** is the deadline for Farm Service Agency to complete proven yields for producers who are participating in the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP). In order for us to complete the proven yield calculations and to obtain the necessary signatures by the July 1 deadline, we are asking NAP participants to submit their production evidence to this office by June 15, 2010. Failure to turn in your production evidence will result in a decreased yield guarantee and will decrease program benefits in the event of a crop loss

### REPORTING CROP LOSSES FOR NAP

Producers who purchase crop loss coverage under the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) are reminded that if you suffer a crop loss, you must complete a Notice of Loss form with this office no later than 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or no later than 15 days from the date that the damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent. Notice of Loss must be provided for each weather-related event or adverse natural occurrence that causes damage to or loss of the specific crop or commodity. Failure to report the crop damage or loss in a timely manner will result in ineligibility for NAP payment.

\*\* Note for livestock producers who insure their pastures/rangeland. Your policy covers the grass on the ground and not your livestock. Your loss should be apparent before the end of the growing season. Even though your livestock are not insured, by participating in the program your livestock may be eligible for other disaster program because your pasture is insured.

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\* If you had 2009 NAP coverage and suffered from grasshopper infestation, those losses are eligible in Wyoming and late filed Notice of Loss applications will be accepted for the County Committee to review.**

### COMPLIANCE

Compliance and spot checks will once again be utilized during the 2010 crop year. Instead of locally selecting farms, contracts, deficiency loans, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers is used to achieve a statistical sampling of participating producers. Spot check selections are to be conducted based on a producer's participation in Conservation Reserve Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Loan Deficiency Program, etc.

State and county offices shall view and print their producer spot check lists as posted on the designated web site. If an entity is selected from the national database that is no longer farming or participating in the 2010 crop year, a notation shall be made on the spot check list

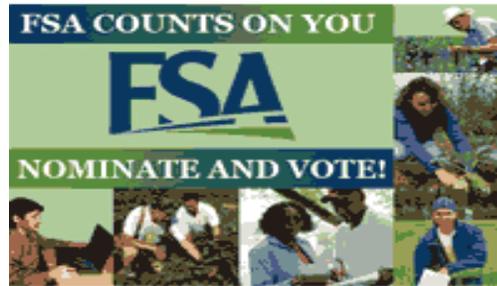
### GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

As part of a program to digitally map the nation's farms and fields, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has established the Common Land Unit (CLU) as a standardized GIS (Geographic Information Systems) data layer that has allowed mapping to be integrated easily on a nationwide basis. The Farm Service Agency manages this CLU data layer through a distributed database environment for all field service centers throughout the country.

Using GIS provides for more consistent and more accurate land measurements, such as field acreage and acreage boundaries of conservation practices, such as riparian buffers. With high quality digital imagery, new land use changes (farm transfers and land subdivisions) can be easily updated. Maps can be created in either paper or digital format for FSA customers or the public.

More information about the Common Land Unit and NAIP imagery can be found by visiting on-line, APFO (Aerial Photography Field Office) at

[www.apfo.usda.gov](http://www.apfo.usda.gov)



### COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2010 Fremont County FSA Committee election will be accepted through August 2, 2010. FSA County Committees are elected by local agriculture producers to administer USDA farm programs at the county level. There are three Local Administrative Areas (LAA) in Fremont County with one LAA holding an election each year to elect a person to a three-year term. Fremont County's LAA's consist of: 1. Wind River Reservation; 2. Midvale/Riverton area; 3. the Lander/Dubois area. The Committee election for this year will be held for LAA3, the Lander/Dubois area, which is represented currently by Bryan Hamilton. A list of persons who are eligible to run for the County Committee is available from this office. If you wish to run or want to nominate a fellow producer for the County Committee, please contact this office for a nomination petition. If no nominations are received, the Secretary of Agriculture will complete the slate of nominees. You may access the following website for additional information:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

## REMEMBER TO FILE YOUR 2010 CROP REPORT!!!

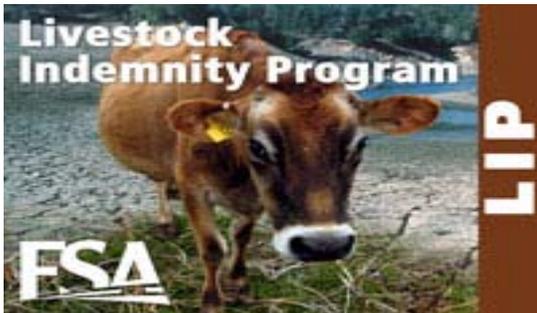
## JULY 1, 2010 IS THE DEADLINE!



**LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Assistance for losses not covered under LIP, LFP, or SURE because of disease, adverse weather or other conditions as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, including but not limited to; losses to **livestock, honey bees or farm raised fish**, loss of purchased and harvested forage or feed, above the normal cost associated with providing or transporting feed and for eligible grazing losses that are not eligible under LFP. **Wolf depredation** has been determined to be a qualifying loss condition under **ELAP for livestock death losses that occur after January 1, 2008 and before October 1, 2011.**

For each of these programs, you must file a Notice of Loss no later than 30 days after the loss is apparent. Producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by obtaining a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act for insurable crops and by purchasing NAP coverage for uninsurable crops for all crops of economic significance.



**LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)**

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must be reported to the County Office within 30 days of the loss.

Keep good records. We will need to verify your beginning and ending inventory, the cause of loss (weather records), and the date of loss. You will need reliable records, for example veterinarian bills, branding records, preg check records, sales slips, date stamped photographs, personal calendars/records. We do allow third party verification, relatives and employees are excluded.

**FARM LOAN PROGRAMS**

The FSA offers loans for farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. In many cases, applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers might have suffered setbacks from natural disasters or might be persons with limited resources.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans up to a maximum of \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum of \$1,112,000. Emergency loans are always direct loans for farmers who may have suffered physical or production losses in disaster areas designated by a Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration. Rural Youth Loans, Loans to Beginning Farmers and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA.

For details contact the county office staff for an appointment with a farm loan officer.

**LOANS FOR THE SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED**

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged Applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.

If producers or their spouses believe they would qualify as socially disadvantaged, they should contact their local FSA office for details. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

<b>Selected Interest Rates for June 2010</b>	
Farm Operating - Direct	3.125%
Farm Ownership - Direct	5.125%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.50%
Farm Storage Facility – 7 yr	3.125%
Farm Storage Facility – 10 yr	3.625%
Farm Storage Facility – 12 yr	4.000%

# Happy 4th of July!



Dates to Remember	
July 1	Crop Reporting Deadline
July 1	NAP Yield/Production Deadline
July 5	Office Closed – Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> July!
July 15	ACRE Production Deadline
Aug 2	County Committee Nomination Deadline

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