



Fremont County  
FSA Office

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## NAP Coverage – New Purchase Deadline for 2011 Perennial/Biennial Forage Crops

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance (from a crop insurance agent). **The application deadline for 2011 NAP coverage for biennial and perennial forage crops, regardless of intended use is December 1, 2010. NOTE: This is a date change from April 1.** Crops included in this date change are biennial forage (hay) crops such as sweet clover; perennial forage crops such as grass varieties, grass/alfalfa mix that are not insurable by crop insurance; and pasture grass for grazing. For all other crops (those not perennial or biennial) the application closing date remains the same – April 1, 2011 with the following exceptions: Producers who want “winterkill” coverage on HRW Wheat forage must purchase NAP by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a “Notice of Loss” within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

## Disaster Program: Livestock Forage (LFP)



The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought conditions or fire on federally managed land. Fremont County is eligible.

As authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill, the LFP provides recovery assistance to livestock producers suffering grazing losses that occur due to drought or fire up to October 1, 2011.

The LFP program is activated in drought areas when the National Drought Monitor records a drought of D2 or more severe for the area. Assistance levels increase with the severity of drought designation.

For 2010 and subsequent years, applications must be filed no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing losses occurred.

## County Committee Elections

In November you will receive your official county office committee election ballot. Mailing of ballots to all eligible voters starts on November 5, 2010. Bryan Hamilton is running unopposed for reelection, representing the Lander and Dubois areas.

Completed and signed ballots will be due back in the county office by the close of business on December 6, 2010. Ballots will be counted at 10:00 AM at the December 9th County Committee meeting.

**Important  
Deadline!** 

## **FSA Conservation Loan Program**

The Farm Service Agency makes and guarantees conservation loans on farms and ranches to help conserve our natural resources. The Conservation Loan (CL) Program provides farmers with the credit necessary to implement conservation measures on their land.

The direct CL limit is \$300,000 and the guaranteed CL limit is \$1,119,000. Guaranteed loans are available through lenders working with FSA.

Applicants will work with Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) staff to develop a conservation plan. Conservation practices must be approved by NRCS before FSA can provide financing. Examples of conservation practices include installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; transitioning to organic production; manure management, including manure digestion systems; and more.

## **Livestock Indemnity Program-LIP**

Losses of livestock due to adverse weather must be reported to the FSA Office within 30 days of when the loss is apparent by filing a Notice of Loss application. A filed Notice of Loss must be finalized by completing an Application for Payment by **January 30, 2011** for 2010 losses.

Applications for livestock losses require documentation of beginning and ending inventory, records showing the date of each death for normal death loss and show death losses due to the weather event, along with records showing the number of livestock in inventory on the date of the weather event.

## **Reasonable Accommodations**

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please call the office.

## **Farm Storage Facility Loan Program**

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. A FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

## **2010 DCP/ACRE & CRP Payments**

Annual direct payments for the Direct/Counter Cyclical Program (DCP/ACRE) and annual rental payments for CRP, the Conservation Reserve Program were paid in October to producers who participate in these programs and have met all program requirements. Please watch your account for these payments and contact our office if you have not received your payment or have any questions.

## All Producers Receiving 2009 - 2011 Payments from FSA or NRCS

Many of you recently received a letter regarding the forms CCC-927 and CCC-928, Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information. FSA and IRS have finalized a data-sharing process for average AGI compliance and verification. Every individual, legal entity and member of a legal entity receiving payments from FSA or NRCS in 2009 to 2011 is required to complete a CCC-927 for individuals or CCC-928 for legal entities and submit it to the IRS. The IRS will compare actual tax data on record to the average AGI limitation amounts for the applicable 3 year period and return the results to the FSA in reports showing the participant either appears to meet or not meet the AGI criteria. You may pick up copies of these forms at the FSA office or go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/ccc927](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ccc927) for individual or [www.fsa.usda.gov/ccc928](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ccc928) for the legal entity forms. It is up to each producer to complete the form and mail it to the IRS. Participants, who choose **not** to submit a completed CCC-927 or 928 as applicable, will be determined noncompliant.

## Marketing Assistance Loans

Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) are available for producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, a producer must maintain continual beneficial interest in the crop from harvest through the earlier of the date the loan is repaid or CCC takes title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if the producer regains beneficial interest.

Applicants must also comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements; acreage reporting requirements and ensure that the commodity meets minimum grade and quality standards. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.

## FSA Financial Inquiries Web Site

The USDA Farm Service Agency's Financial Inquiries Web Site is an Internet-based service that allows agricultural producers and other customers to generate reports showing their current and historical financial information related to FSA programs.

Authorized customers may view summary and detailed information about specific payments received, collections paid, outstanding debt (excluding loans) and information reported on the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Form 1099. The Web site is only available to registered e-Authentication users.

### Using the Web site:

Customers can access information on the FSA Financial Inquiries Web Site only after being signed up for a USDA e-Authentication Level 2 account. To obtain a Level 2 e-Authentication account, go to Internet site: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>.

- Click on "Create an Account" and choose Level 2 Access
- Complete the customer profile and submit it online.
- After submitting the customer profile, a customer will receive a confirmation by e-mail. The customer must respond to the e-mail within seven days to activate his or her account.
- A customer must complete the "Identity Proofing" process at a local USDA Service Center.

### Accessing the Web Site

Links to FSA Financial Inquiries are provided on the following Web sites:

- FSA Online: Visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. From the top menu bar, click on "Online Services." Under "Related Topics," click on "Financial Inquiries for FSA Producers."

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<b>Selected Interest Rates for December 2010</b>	
Operating Loan	1.75%
Farm Ownership	4.125%
Conservation Loan (NEW)	4.125%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%
Emergency	3.750%
<b>Farm Storage Facility – 7yr</b>	<b>1.875%</b>

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
<b>Nov. 25</b>	Thanksgiving, Office Closed
Dec. 1	NAP Application Deadline
Dec. 6	Deadline to Return COC Election Ballots
Dec. 9	COC Meeting, Count Ballots
Jan. 31	2010 ELAP, LDP, LFP deadline