



# NEWSLETTER



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## **FSA FINANCIAL SERVICES**

A new website has been created for customers to assist them with their FSA financial reporting needs.

The address for access to this website is:

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

## **CRP SIGNUP RESULTS**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that USDA will accept 4.3 million acres offered by landowners under the recently conducted Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up. The selections preserve and enhance environmentally sensitive lands, including wetlands, while providing payments to property owners.

For this 39th general sign-up more than 50,000 offers were received on more than 4.8 million acres, nationwide. Enrollment of the 4.3 million acres will keep the program enrollment close to the 32 million acre statutory cap, which will maintain and enhance the significant environmental benefits the program has already achieved. CRP's 39th sign-up will bring the total enrollment in the program to 31.2 million acres, leaving sufficient room under the 32 million acre cap to continue enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, continuous sign-up and other CRP initiatives through FY 2011.

In Wyoming, approximately 109,000 acres were offered for enrollment with about 96,000 accepted. Goshen County had approximately 41,000 acres offered for enrollment and will end up with around 40,000 acres accepted.

What is next for those applicants that had acres accepted into the CRP? First off, everyone that submitted offers has been personally notified of their results. If accepted, the next step will be for the applicant, the local NRCS Office, and the local FSA Office to complete a Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO) for the CRP. Even if the new CRP contract has existing grass cover, a new CPO must be completed. This process has a completion deadline of December 31, 2010. The local NRCS will be contacting applicable participants to set up appointments.

## **EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)**

The Goshen County FSA Committee has requested funding for the implementation of ECP for replacing damaged/destroyed fences due to flooding this spring. At this time, we do not know if the funds will be obligated for this purpose. However, we can take applications for this practice in the meantime. Signup period for ECP will run from October 18 – December 17, 2010.

If interested in the details of this program and practice, please contact this office.

## **2010 County Committee Election**

This year's election in Goshen County covers LAA 1, which covers all of Townships 26-30. Currently, Linda Nichol represents the County Committee in this area. Linda will be running again for this position. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters around November 5. Instructions for voting will be included. December 6 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office, or postmarked. Please take some time to vote and select your representative on the County Committee.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2011.

## ***NAP Coverage***

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. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available.

The application deadline date for the 2011 NAP coverage biennial and perennial forage crops is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The deadline for all other crops is April 1, 2011.

Producers who already have coverage on 2010 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2011, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee.

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.

We remind those with current NAP coverage that in the event of a crop failure caused by natural disaster, the producer needs to notify the local FSA office by completing a "Notice of Loss" (form CCC-576). The notice of loss must be executed within 15 days of the date the damage became apparent. Failure to timely report the loss could result in loss of benefits.

## ***Commodity Loans Available***

We remind you of the availability of the commodity loan program. 2010 loan rates for in Goshen County are:

Wheat HRW	\$2.54/bu.	Corn	\$2.05/bu.
Barley	\$1.90/bu.	Oats	\$1.37/bu.
Sunflowers	\$10.39/cwt.		

Interest rates are minimal (example: the September 2010 rate was 1.250%) and the term of the loan will be end of the 9<sup>th</sup> month following disbursement.

2010 loans on wheat/barley/oats can be requested through March 31, 2011. A corn or sunflower loan must be requested by May 31, 2011. The grower must maintain title and control of the commodity (beneficial interest) while the grain is under loan.

For more information, contact this office.

## ***Oil Exploration on CRP***

With the current influx of oil exploration being conducted in the area, chances are that some of this will happen on existing CRP contracts. CRP participants are required to apply for permission from the local FSA County Committee **prior** to any action taking place on the applicable acreage. County Committees will deal with these situations on a case-by-case basis. Failure to notify FSA prior to disturbing the cover could jeopardize the continuation of the contract and result in considerable penalties.

NOTE: this provision would also apply to the erection of any wind turbines.

## ***2010 DCP Final Payments***

Final DCP payments for 2010 participants will be issued sometime after October 8, 2010. Producers who received an advance payment will be paid the balance they are due. Those who did not take an advance will be receiving their full payment amount. These payments will be deposited directly into personal bank accounts. If there are any unearned payments, Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically subtract those amounts from the final Direct and Counter-cyclical Program payments you are about to receive.

## ***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.

For more information on the Conservation Loan Program, contact this office.

## ***Paper Check Conversion (PCC)***

Over the next year, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is moving toward an electronic method for processing producers' checks. This will allow FSA/CCC to process collections faster.

When producers present checks, either in person or through the mail, the checks will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt.

Please see the U.S. Department of Treasury legal notices posted in the Service Center or visit the following U.S. Department of Treasury Internet site for detailed information: <https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm>

## ***2011 DCP/ACRE Signup***

The enrollment period for the 2011 Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) runs from Oct. 1, 2010 – June 1, 2011.

The ACRE program provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. The decision to elect ACRE binds the farm to the program through the 2012 crop year.

Planted crops considered eligible for ACRE payments include: wheat, barley, oats, grain sorghum, corn, upland cotton, peanuts, pulse crops (dry peas, lentils, chickpeas or garbanzo beans), rice, soybeans, and other oilseeds (canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sesame seed).

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<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Continuous	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Jan. 31, 2011	Final date to apply for 2010 wool/mohair LDP or loan
Mar. 31, 2011	Final date to apply for 2010 wheat/barley/oats loan or LDP
May 31, 2011	Final date to apply for 2010 corn/sunflower loan or LDP
Oct. 11, 2010	Columbus Day Holiday, Office closed
Nov. 11, 2010	Veteran's Day Holiday, Office closed
Nov. 25, 2010	Thanksgiving Day, Office closed
Oct. 1, 2010 – June 1, 2011	Signup period for 2011 DCP/ACRE

*/s/ Darrell L. Jones*

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