



NEWSLETTER



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Bank Account Changes

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office if your account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to your account and routing numbers.

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program. Farm Recon methods are:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method, the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.

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 1st, 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 November 2010 rate is 1.250%) and the term of the loan will be end of the 9th 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.

CCC-927 or CCC-928 Must Be Sent To IRS

Producers who participated in 2009 or 2010 programs subject to adjusted gross income limitations (AGI) had to certify compliance with AGI rules. The average AGI verification process for 2009 and 2010 payment eligibility requires all program participants to provide written consent to IRS for the disclosure of certain information to FSA.

On October 6, 2010, a letter was mailed to producers who have not submitted:

CCC-927: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information-Individual Form"

CCC-928: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information-Legal Entity"

Individuals and legal entities, including members of legal entities, that certified to average AGI compliance for 2009 and/or 2010 payment eligibility must submit a completed CCC-927 or CCC-928 to IRS regardless of whether they received program benefits directly or as a member of a joint operation or entity. These forms must be submitted to IRS in order to avoid a demand for refund of program payments and benefits received.

Oil, Gas, Wind and Mineral Leases

Many areas in Wyoming are seeing increased interest in resource development. If you are approached and considering entering into agreements regarding your property and resources, **you are strongly encouraged to contact an attorney prior to signature.** Agreements are legally binding and often have lengthy duration. Make sure you protect your land, your family, and yourself.

If you participate in USDA programs, we also recommend that you contact your local USDA Office as well to assist you in making the right decision.

Farm Loan Program Producers Need to Prepare for Analysis

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin conducting analysis for the 2011 farm year beginning December 2010.

It will be necessary for everybody to have their actuals completed and reconciled to the amount in your checkbook. The plans for 2011 need to be completed to project the best plan possible so that all alternatives have been reviewed before you come into the office. If the best plan can be presented it will save you time and allow FSA to process your services in a timely manner.

Farm Loan Manager, Duane Wisroth and Farm Loan Officer, Doris Hyatt will be completing most of the analysis this year. It is very important for the analysis to be completed timely. Please have all of the information available according to your analysis appointment letter. If you have any questions please call 532-4880. Duane is at Ext. 107 or Doris at Ext. 116.

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).

Selling Land

If you're planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, if you're planning to sell land that's enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you might have to refund all of the payments you've received to date.

Reviewing program implications with your local Farm Service Agency staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.

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Dates to Remember	
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
Nov. 11, 2010	Veteran's Day Holiday, Office closed
Nov. 25, 2010	Thanksgiving Day, Office closed
Oct. 18-Dec. 17, 2010	ECP Signup for Fencing losses
Oct. 1, 2010 – June 1, 2011	Signup period for 2011 DCP/ACRE

/s/ Darrell L. Jones

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