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Disaster Programs

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund established under section 902 of the Trade Act of 1974, the program is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). 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 have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

Livestock owners who suffered losses from 01/01/2008 to 07/12/2009 have until September 13, 2009 to file a "Notice of Loss" and their "Application for Payment". Laramie County producers who lost livestock in the blizzards this last winter need to file by September 13. There are no late filed provisions.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010

Eligible livestock must have been owned on the date of death and died as a direct result of the adverse weather event. Eligible livestock include: adult / non-adult beef, dairy, buffalo, beefalo, sheep, goats equine, swine, and poultry. Feedlot cattle can be eligible. Ineligible livestock include those used for hunting, pleasure, pets, show animals, rodeo stock, roping, consumption by owner, etc.

Payment rates are on a per head basis by livestock kind, type, and weight range and are based on 75% of the fair market value per FSA.

Records of inventory numbers and livestock deaths must be included with the application. The documentation must be verifiable, reliable, or third party. Examples of documentation are: veterinary records, tax records, insurance documents, written contracts, loan documents, purchase records, production records, etc.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Farm Program Information

Farm Program Signup

The deadline to enroll in Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is August 14, 2009. There are no late filed provisions. Applications filed after August 14 will not be approved.

ACRE Program

The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is a new program authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill that begins in crop year 2009. Through ACRE, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers producers an alternative to Direct and Counter-cyclical (DCP) payments.

ACRE payments are made when both state and farm revenues are below historic levels. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments. Producers also elect to receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. A

decision to elect ACRE binds the producer to the program from the program year elected by the producer through the 2012 crop year. All producers on the farm must agree to the ACRE Program election. Producers must annually report acreage and production to FSA. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility.

ACRE payments are revenue-based payments and are tied to crop production and the National Average Market Price for planted, and considered planted, covered commodity crops on the farm. ACRE payment acreage is limited to the total amount of base acres on the farm, and can only be issued for a crop if two triggers are met for the covered commodity crop.

- State Trigger: The Actual State Revenue for the program year must be less than the State ACRE Guarantee.
- Farm Trigger: The participating farm's Actual Farm Revenue for the program year must be less than the Farm ACRE Guarantee.

An ACRE factsheet, ACRE background information detailing the State and farm revenue calculations, ACRE spreadsheet along with instructions in Power Point format are posted at www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp.

To provide as much information as possible for producers to make their ACRE election decision for crop year 2009, preliminary 2009 State ACRE guarantees, based on projected ACRE guarantee prices and preliminary benchmark State yields, are posted at www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp and will be updated no later than the 15th of each month and also on the first of every month beginning July 1, 2009.

The 2009 benchmark State yields, ACRE guarantee prices, and State ACRE guarantees will be finalized after NASS reports the final 2008/2009 average market prices and 2008 crop production data. Benchmark State yields for crops grown in Laramie County were posted by March 15, 2009. Guarantee prices and ACRE guarantees will be posted by July 1, 2009 for wheat, barley and oats and by October 1, 2009 for corn.

Acreage Reporting Deadline

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. Crop acreage reporting deadline will end on August 14th. (Remember to tell us the date the crop was planted in each field.) 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. **Please call for an appointment. A minimum of \$46 per farm late filed fees will be charged after August 14.** 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 final planting date is established by crop insurance or NAP, depending on the crop.

Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) / Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Information

Crop Loans are available for program crops and oilseed crops. Nine-month commodity loans can be made to eligible producers. The current interest rate for loans disbursed in July is 1.50 percent for farm-stored or warehouse stored commodities. Laramie County 2009 loan rates are: winter wheat - \$2.63/bu, barley - \$1.90/bu, corn - \$2.05/bu, oats - \$1.31/bu, sunflowers - \$9.23/cwt, and spring wheat - \$2.84/bu. The office is required to do a lien search on all loans in excess of \$50,000 and when the loan is determined to be at risk.

Producers in an ACRE-enrolled farm will have a 30 percent reduction in MAL / LDP rates. Wool, mohair and honey are not subject to ACRE provisions.

Producers with average adjusted gross nonfarm income that exceeds \$500,000 are not eligible for a marketing loan gain or an LDP.

Marketing loan gains or LDP's will no longer be limited. (There is no limit on the total dollar amount of LDP's.)

Actively engaged determinations are not required for producers requesting MAL or LDP.

CCC will no longer require the execution of UGRSA in storage facilities that are either of the following: federally licensed or state licensed with an operating warehouse licensing program.

It is the producer's responsibility to maintain the quality of the grain in storage.

Both husband and wife must sign the loan document. A notarized or FSA witnessed FSA Power of Attorney Form, FSA-211, may be filed giving the husband and/or wife authority to sign for each other.

Measurement services are available to measure the grain in your storage facility. The cost is \$30 per farm plus \$16 per hour / \$8 for every 30 minutes after the first hour with a minimum charge of 1 hour. Fees must be paid for the measurement before the loan check can be disbursed. **We strongly recommend that producers get a measurement service to avoid penalties for overstating grain in storage.**

Please call the office for more information if you are interested. The loan process does take some time and will be done by appointment only.

Wool, Mohair, & Unshorn Pelts LDP

Producers who file for a Loan Deficiency Payment on wool or unshorn pelts must indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits on CCC-633EZ (page 1) before the sale or loss of beneficial interest. Then submit an LDP request (CCC-633EZ page 4) for benefits at any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest.

January 1 is the beginning of the crop year for the wool, mohair, and unshorn pelts. The ending of the crop year is December 31. Applications for 2009 LDP's must be filed by January 31, 2010.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

CRP producers who have extended their contract have become a successor to a CRP contract, or have signed a new CRP contract after September 30, 2008 will fall under the new payment limitation rules of the new farm bill. Contracts that were signed before September 30, 2008 will stay under the rules of the old farm bill.

New payment limitation forms and AGI forms will need to be filed for CRP contracts signed after September 30, 2008. Most producers, who are already participating in the Direct & Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) for 2009, have already filed the correct forms.

Payments by Direct Deposit Delayed One Day

FSA/CCC payments made by direct deposit currently are transmitted by Kansas City directly to the Federal Reserve Bank. Beginning August 3, 2009, FSA/CCC payments made by direct deposit will be transmitted by Kansas City to Treasury. This allows FSA to be compliant with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA), which requires that Federal payments be processed through the Treasury Offset Program (TOP), so that any delinquent Federal debt can be offset.

Payments made by direct deposit that are certified and signed in the National Payment System (NPS) by 3 p.m. Central Time will be processed in Kansas City and sent to Treasury that same day. Payments certified and signed in NPS that are received after 3 p.m. Central Time will be sent to Treasury the next business day. This schedule accommodates Treasury's processing for delinquent debts. As a result of this processing change, direct deposit payments will be credited to the recipient's account 1 day later than under the existing payment schedule.

Currently, the description on the payee's bank statement reads, "USDA-FSAKCMOCDSP". After August 3, 2009, the description on the bank statement will read, "FSA TREAS 310" for all payments that are disbursed by Treasury.

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Farm Loan Program

Attention all Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found you are required to place the lien holders name on the check as well as that of the Seller. Ag Products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops. **Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer!** You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-307-777-7311.

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Office Staff: Doris Scheel, Denise Hunt, Mark Lanning, Krista Macy
Dixie Mount – Farm Loan Officer – Laramie County office day is Tuesday of each week. Dixie may be reached by calling the Wheatland FSA Office at (307)322-4050.
/S/ Gary Gompert, CED – Email gary.gompert@wy.usda.gov

Dates to Remember

August 14	DCP/ACRE Signup Deadline
August 14	Crop Reporting Deadline
September 7	Labor Day Holiday Office Closed
September 13	Last day to file "Notice of Loss" for livestock deaths for LIP

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