



Laramie County FSA News

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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

Farm Program Information

Farm Program Signup

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

Acreage Reporting Deadline

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. Crop acreage reporting deadline ended on August 14th. **A minimum of \$46 per farm late filed fees will be charged after August 14.**

County Committee Election

Laramie County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 1. That position is currently held by Mike Peterson. LAA 1 includes north east corner of Laramie County east of County Road 136 and north of County Road 221. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 6, and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by Dec. 7, 2009.

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. 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.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. If interested please contact your FSA office.

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Biomass Crop Assistance Program

The new Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) is of interest to biomass conversion facilities and those who own, chip and transport biomass material to these facilities.

Chippers and producers with conversion facilities contracts to prepare and deliver materials can apply for matching payments under the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) component of BCAP. Once an agreement is signed between FSA and a biomass conversion facility and funding is provided, the facilities can begin accepting materials under this program. Contact your FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov for more information.

County Committee: Dave Bowman, Mark Child, Mike Peterson **Advisor:** Louise Jacobsen
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

September 7	Labor Day Holiday Office Closed
September 13	Last day to file "Notice of Loss" for 2008 and 2009 livestock deaths for LIP

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