



## Farm Program Information

### Final Payments for 2009 DCP

Enrolled producers can expect their final direct payment to be deposited directly into personal bank accounts sometime during the first few weeks of October.

Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum after the end of the fiscal year (Sept. 30).

The direct payment for a crop equals 83.3 percent of the farm's base acreage times (x) the farm's direct payment yield times (x) the direct payment rate (x) the share of the payment.

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.

## Disaster Programs

### Livestock Forage Disaster Program

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.

Eligible livestock producers may receive assistance for eligible livestock grazing losses that occur due to drought or fire on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011, during the calendar year in which the loss occurs.

County committees can only accept LFP applications after being notified by the National Office of qualifying drought as signified by a Drought Monitor level of D2 or higher, or if a Federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normally permitted livestock on Federal managed lands due to a qualifying fire. *Laramie County did not meet the requirements to qualify for this program for 2008 or 2009 grazing period. This is for your information for future drought periods.*

For 2009 and subsequent years, signup applications must be filed no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing losses occurred. Losses must occur in the calendar year the application is being filed.

The monthly payment rate will be an amount equal to 60 percent of the lesser of:

- the monthly feed cost for all covered livestock, using a feed grain equivalent (for example, the feed grain equivalent for an adult beef cow is 15.7 pounds of corn per day)
- the monthly feed cost calculated using the normal carrying capacity for the grazing land.

Drought eligibility criteria require that the drought must have occurred on:

- native or improved permanent vegetative cover
- small grains or forage sorghum planted specifically for grazing

Losses due to drought must occur during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land. Producers must have also purchased insurance through FSA (NAP) or MPC (PRF-VI) to qualify for drought loss payments.

Additional Information about LFP including eligible livestock and fire criteria is available at county FSA offices or on line at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## 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.

**USDA / FSA**  
**Laramie County FSA Committee**  
**11221A U.S. Highway 30**  
**Cheyenne WY 82009 8730**

**PRSRT STD**  
**Postage Fees Paid**  
**Farm Service Agency**  
**Permit No. G-96**

### **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

#### *A Tailored Fit for Laramie County*

In addition to historically offered practices (fencing, stock-water, wildlife enhancements, etc.), your NRCS is offering help with practices customized to Laramie County needs. As irrigation systems throughout the county age, energy and water use efficiency decreases and certain wells are no longer providing adequate water. New practices for potential EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) funding include: irrigation pump and motor replacement (15 years or older), center pivot replacements (for systems 15 years or older), and center pivot buy-outs (for inadequate irrigation systems). The center pivot buy-out is a valuable option for converting weak irrigation systems to dry land cropping or pasture systems. The **EQIP application deadline is November 1** (for this batching period). Applications are available at the USDA Service Center.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) applications are also available at the USDA Service Center. Please visit our website [www.wy.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.wy.nrcs.usda.gov) or stop by the office to receive information. Quick reminder- to be eligible for NRCS programs, you must first file Payment Eligibility paperwork with the Farm Service Agency (Forms CCC-901, CCC-926, & AD-1026).

### **Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Reminders**

NAP application closing dates for the 2010 crops are Dec. 1, 2009 for fall planted crops and April 1, 2010 for spring planted crops. The NAP application fee is \$250 per crop per county with a maximum of \$750. If you have multiple counties, the fee cannot exceed \$1875. If you had NAP coverage in 2009, remember to provide production evidence of the mechanically harvested crops prior to July 1, 2009.

### **Dates to Remember**

October 12	Columbus Day Holiday – Office Closed
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday – Office Closed
November 26	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – Office Closed
December 1	Deadline to apply for NAP

**County Committee:** Mark Child, Dave Bowman, 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.

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