



# Laramie County FSA News

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## **Disaster Programs**

### Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program

Under SURE, producers seeking disaster benefits must have obtained crop insurance or coverage under the Non-insured crop disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for all crops on all farms. The purchase of insurance or a NAP policy for grazed acreage is not a requirement for the SURE program. However, such insurance is required as a condition for payment for the livestock feed program, tree assistance program and the emergency livestock, honeybees and farm-related fish programs.

Producers also have a minimum loss threshold under SURE. To qualify for payments, there must be a production loss of at least 10 percent for at least one crop of economic significance on the farm and the County must have been designated a Secretarial Disaster Area. In 2008 Laramie County qualifies for SURE as we were contiguous to Weld County as Weld was designated a disaster area.

FSA is waiting for the 2008 SURE signup to be announced. Signup for SURE is held now for 2008 crops as the marketing cycle must have completed for the 2008 crop year. The program uses total farm revenue by producer.

Producers with qualifying losses are eligible to receive 60% of the difference between the SURE disaster program guarantee and the actual farm revenue.

Please watch future newsletters for signup dates and program details.

### Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) Reminder

Producers that filed a Notice of Loss for LIP for 2009 livestock losses need to complete their applications for payment. A Notice of Loss was filed by the deadline of September 13<sup>th</sup> for livestock losses due to weather related conditions. FSA needs a verifiable third party beginning and ending inventory along with your calving records to show the calf losses for program year 2009. The deadline to supply this information is January 30, 2010.

## **Non-insured crop disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Reminders**

NAP application closing dates for the 2010 fall seeded crops are Dec. 1, 2009. 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. Spring seeded crop deadline for NAP purchase is April 1, 2010.

NAP can be purchased to cover crops that crop insurance does not cover, at the 50 percent coverage level. If you had NAP coverage in 2009, remember to provide production evidence of the mechanically harvested crops prior to July 1, 2010.

## **Farm Program Information**

### Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) Signup for 2010

The CCC-509, DCP contract, for 2010, may be done now. Laramie County FSA is taking signup by appointment only. Appointments help us prepare the necessary paperwork for you so you don't have to waste your time at our office. Producers wanting advance payments before the end of the year should schedule an appointment now. The deadline to complete the 2010 DCP contract is June 1.

We will be requiring that you review your payment eligibility forms. Producers are required to file the Adjusted Gross Income form yearly before you can become eligible for payments.

Wheat / Fallow producers are encouraged to report seeded acres, accompanied with planting dates, when in the office to signup for DCP.

### Farm Program Payments

For those of you that have not heard, FSA went to a new Web-based payment process. There have been several issues that have caused some payments to not be issued. We want to assure you that we are doing everything that we can to get those payments issued. Thank you for your patience.

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### County Committee Election

Election will be held for Farm Service Agency county committee representing producers in Local Administrative Area (LAA) number 1. Producers who are eligible to vote in LAA 1 have already received their ballot. Ballots need to be returned by December 7. Ballots will be counted December 10 at 10:00 a.m.

### Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the FSA county office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

### Farm Loan Program Reminders

#### FARM LOAN PROGRAM PRODUCERS NEED TO PREPARE FOR ANALYSIS

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin conducting analysis for the 2010 farm year beginning December 2009. With the number of loans that will need to be analyzed it will be necessary for everybody to have their actuals completed and reconciled to the amount in your checkbook. The plans for 2010 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 review in a timely manner. It is very important for the analysis to be completed timely. If you have any questions please call 322-4050 and talk to Farm Loan Officer Dixie Mount.

### Dates to Remember

November 26	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – Office Closed
December 1	NAP signup deadline for fall seeded and perennial crops
December 7	Last day to return Committee election ballots
December 25	Christmas Day Holiday – Office Closed
January 1	New Years Day Holiday – Office Closed

**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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