



Disaster Programs

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program

Signup for the SURE Program for 2008 crop losses began January 4, 2010. Please call for an appointment

SURE is available to eligible producers on:

- Farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties that have incurred crop production losses and/or crop quality losses during the crop year. (Laramie County is eligible for the 2008 crop year as Weld County, CO received a Disaster Designation.)
- Any farm in which, for the crop year, the actual production on the farm because of disaster-related conditions is 50 percent or less than the normal production of the farm.

At a minimum, to be eligible for the SURE Program, the producer must have purchased or be enrolled in the following for the 2008 crop year:

- A plan of crop insurance of at least catastrophic (CAT) level for all insurable crops on all farms.
- And/or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for all non-insurable crops on all farms.

Note: RMA crop Insurance or NAP coverage on grazing land does not have to be purchased in order to be eligible for SURE. SURE does not pay for losses on crops intended for grazing.

In order to receive payments, the farm must suffer at least a 10% eligible production loss on at least one crop of economic significance. Producers with qualifying losses are eligible to receive 60% of the difference between the SURE Disaster Program Guarantee and the actual farm revenue.

The Disaster Program Guarantee is determined by totaling the calculated guarantee for each crop. For insured crops, the guarantee is based on the level of coverage the producer has elected.

The Total Farm Revenue calculation includes estimated crop value, Crop Insurance Indemnities, NAP payments, Marketing Assistance Loans / LDP, other disaster payments, and DCP payments (15% of Direct Payments plus Counter-cyclical payments and ACRE payments).

2009 LIP Application for Payment Deadline

The loss application procedure for LIP is a two-part process. Producers who have a Notice of Loss, on file at the county office, have until February 1, 2010 to file their Application for Payment for 2009 losses.

Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Beginning with the 2010 crop year there will be a single application closing date of April 1st for all NAP crops in all counties. The Non-Insurable Crop Assistance Program provides a catastrophic level of assistance, to eligible producers, affected by crop losses due to natural disasters. FSA's NAP coverage is for non insurable crops not covered by RMA.

The application service fee for NAP is \$250.00 per crop per county, with a county maximum of \$750.00. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$1,875.00 per producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Producers are required to carry Crop Insurance coverage or NAP coverage on all crops, excluding grazing, in all counties where they have an interest to be eligible to participate in the new disaster program, SURE.

Farm Program Information

Signup for 2009 Direct & Counter-cyclical Program (DCP)

Producers have from now through June 1, 2010, to timely file CCC-509. Enrollment is not permitted after June 1, 2010. Producers on a farm are solely responsible for ensuring that timely enrollment occurs. Please call for an appointment.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue election (ACRE) Program.

Direct Payments

The direct payment for each covered commodity or peanuts will be computed by multiplying:

- 83.3 percent of the covered commodity's or peanut's base acres, times
- the covered commodity's program payment yield, times
- the payment rate for the covered commodity, times
- the producer's share of the covered commodity.

For those CCC-509's timely enrolled and containing all required signatures, CCC will make advance payments at a rate of 22 percent to those producers who requested the advance payments. The advance payments will be issued as soon as practicable following completion of enrollment.

Counter-Cyclical Payments

Counter-cyclical payments are authorized for a covered commodity when the effective price for the commodity is less than the target price of the commodity. The effective price for a covered commodity is equal to the sum of:

- the higher of the national average market price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year for the covered commodity or peanuts, as determined by the Secretary, or the national average loan rate for the commodity, as found in the regulations at 7 CFR Part 1412 as applicable
- the direct payment rate for the covered commodity as provided at 7 CFR Part 1412.

The counter-cyclical payment, if any, for each covered commodity will be computed by multiplying:

- 85 percent of the covered commodity's or peanut's base acres, times
- the program payment yield, times
- the payment rate for the covered commodity or peanuts, times
- the producer's share of the covered commodity.

Before producers can receive payments, each producer must satisfy all other program or payment eligibility requirements including, but not limited to, filing a new farm operating plan form CCC-902 E for an entity or form CCC-902 I for an individual, adjusted gross income certification form CCC-926 and an AD-1026 certifying the farm is following an approved conservation system.

Acreage Reports

The FSA Office will take wheat crop reports. Please bring in your planting dates when reporting your crops. While applying for the 2009 DCP, we will collect information from your crops planted.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)

Determining Average AGI - The average AGI for a person or legal entity is the average of AGI, or comparable measure, of the person or legal entity for the 3 taxable years preceding the most immediately preceding complete taxable year of the year for which benefits are requested. Taxable losses are included in the average. The average AGI limitations for payment eligibility are applied per natural person or legal entity. For 2009 the average AGI would be calculated for the years 2005, 2006, and 2007. For 2010 the average AGI would be calculated from 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Three AGI Limitations are used: nonfarm income exceeds \$500,000, farm income exceeds \$750,000, and nonfarm income exceeds \$1 million.

AGI Compliance Activities for 2009 & 2010

Producers will be required to send a signed CCC-927 (Individual) or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) form to the Internal Revenue Service. This form gives consent to disclose your tax information to the USDA. USDA will receive the results of the AGI with indicators that show whether the producer has or has not exceeded the limits. No actual tax data will be included or dollar amounts. USDA county office personnel will not view tax return information at any time during this process. The information will be used to determine if producers are eligible by meeting the AGI limits listed above.

Farm Changes

As always you are required to notify our office of any changes in your farming operation for 2010. Did you buy some new land? Are you renting different land or have your shares changed for 2010? Do you have a new address? Did you form a new entity? Producers are responsible for notifying FSA of any changes regarding your farming operation.

Crop Loan / LDP Information

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) will be available if posted county price goes below the loan rate. To date there are no LDP's available except for wool. CCC-633 EZ forms need to be filed for the 2010 program year to be eligible for LDP's, should they become a reality. Wool LDP's are available for shorn wool and pelts. The last day to file for 2009 wool LDP's is February 1. Eligible producers must have beneficial interest in the pelts, owned the lamb for at least 30 calendar days before the date of slaughter and sell the unshorn lamb for immediate slaughter.

Administrative Information

Signature Authority for Spouses

Husbands and wives may sign documents for each other for programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been submitted to our office. Spouses may not grant a Power of Attorney to another person for each other. Spouses may not sign a promissory note for a commodity loan, a CRP contract, or a debt settlement for each other without an FSA Power of Attorney signed giving them authority.

Controlled Substance Violations

Persons convicted of planting, cultivating, growing, harvesting or storing a controlled substance in any crop year shall be ineligible for Federal program benefits during the crop year of conviction and the four succeeding crop years.

Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA)

AFIDA requires foreign persons or entities who acquire, transfer, or hold a 5 percent or greater interest in agriculture land or who gross \$1000 or more from any agriculture land report this information to the Secretary of Agriculture. The information must be reported within 90 days. This information must be reported to the local FSA office.

Reasonable Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairments, or hearing impairment. Please call this office if assistance is needed.

Direct Deposit Changes

Remember to notify FSA if you have changed bank accounts or your bank ownership has changed. Payments are made by direct deposit to the bank account FSA has on file. Payments are delayed if you have made changes and you have not informed FSA.

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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Mark Lanning - Retired

We would like to thank Mark for his 10 years of service here at the Laramie County FSA Office. Mark retired at the end of this year. We wish him well and he will be missed by all.

County Committee Election Results

Congratulations to Mike Peterson. Mike was re-elected to represent farmers from LAA #1 on the county committee. Mike was elected to his second consecutive term. The election results for Local Administrative Area #1 are: Mike Peterson — Elected to the county committee (COC), Monte Lerwick — 1st alternate to COC, Robert Lemaster — 2nd alternate to COC

Southeast Wyoming Farm & Crop Expo

The annual Expo will be presented on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at the Community Center in Albin, Wyoming from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission to the Farm Show is free and will include a noon lunch.

Dates to Remember

January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – Office Closed
February 1	Final Date to file for a 2009 LDP for Wool / Unshorn Pelts
February 15	Presidents Day Holiday – Office Closed
March 15	Federal Crop Insurance Deadline for Spring Crops
April 1	Application Deadline for all NAP Crops

County Committee: Mark Child, Dave Bowman, Mike Peterson, **Advisor:** Louise Jacobsen
Office Staff: Doris Scheel, Denise Hunt, and 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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