



NEWSLETTER



Laramie County FSA Office

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Farm Program Information

2011 Direct & Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and Agriculture Conservation Revenue Enhancement (ACRE) Signup

Signup for the 2011 DCP/ACRE will be held now through June 1, 2011. You can request an advance payment of 22 percent. Please call for an appointment.

Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. FSA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 1, 2010.

The ACRE Option

The Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity.

The June 1, 2011, deadline is mandatory for all ACRE and DCP participants. FSA will not accept late-filed applications.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. In exchange for participating in ACRE, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

NAP Deadline

Noninsured Crop Disaster applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and service fee **MUST** be filed by the crop sales closing date. FSA now has two closing dates for 2011. December 1 for biennial and perennial forage crops, regardless of the intended use and April 1, 2011 for all other crops.

OIL, GAS, WIND AND MINERAL LEASES

Many areas in Wyoming are seeing increased interest in resource development. If you are approached and considering entering into agreements regarding your property and resources; you are strongly encouraged to contact an attorney prior to signature. Agreements are legally binding and often have lengthy duration. Make sure you protect your land, your family, and yourself.

If you participate in USDA programs, we also recommend that you contact your local offices prior to signature as well to assist you in assessing the impact of the lease on your program participation.

Administrative Information

FSA Signature Policy

Using the correct signature when doing business with FSA can save time and prevent a delay in program benefits. The following are FSA signature guidelines:

- Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office
- Spouses shall not sign on behalf of each other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, or other similar entities

For additional clarification on proper signatures contact your local FSA office.

CCC-927 or CCC-928 Must Be Sent To IRS

Producers who participated in 2009 or 2010 programs subject to adjusted gross income limitations (AGI) had to certify compliance with AGI rules. The average AGI verification process for 2009 and 2010 payment eligibility requires all program participants to provide written consent to IRS for the disclosure of certain information to FSA.

On October 6, 2010, a letter was mailed to producers who have not submitted:

CCC-927: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information-Individual Form"

CCC-928: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information-Legal Entity"

Individuals and legal entities, including members of legal entities, that certified to average AGI compliance for 2009 and/or 2010 payment eligibility must submit a completed CCC-927 or CCC-928 to IRS regardless of whether they received program benefits directly or as a member of a joint operation or entity. These forms must be submitted to IRS in order to avoid a demand for refund of program payments and benefits received.

Paper Check Conversion (PCC)

Over the next year, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) are moving toward an electronic method for processing producer' checks. This will allow FSA/CCC to process collections faster.

When producers present checks, either in person or through the mail, the checks will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt.

Please see the U.S. Department of Treasury legal notices posted the Service Center or visit the following U.S. Department of Treasury site for detailed information:

<https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm>

Online Services

Producers with Internet access can fill out a variety of FSA forms online. Producers can also register for secure electronic access that will allow them to electronically sign and transmit some forms directly to the county office staff. If you are new to the website, first you will want to obtain a Level 2 USDA Service Center Customer ID and password at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/> and then click on "**Create an Account Page**" link.

If you already have a Customer ID and password, then click on the following eForms website at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet> and then click on the "Sign In" button. A disclaimer window will open and after you read the "Warning message" click on the "Continue" button.

Then the USDA Web services page will open to the eAuthentication login page. Enter your login User ID and password and then click on the "Login" button. To sign and transmit forms electronically, you must sign-up and get a User ID and password.

Committee Election

Laramie County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 2. That position is currently held by Dave Bowman who has hit his term limit, so he is not eligible to run for election. LAA 2 includes the south east corner of Laramie County east of County Road 136 and south of County Road 221.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 5, and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by Dec. 6, 2010. Ballots will be opened and counted by the Laramie County Committee on December 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Laramie County FSA Office

More information on the elections, including nomination forms, is available at the county office or online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> .

Reasonable Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made to persons with disabilities by request. If special accommodations are needed please call Gary Gompert, CED at the Laramie County FSA Office.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) News

NRCS Accepting Applications for Farm Bill Programs – Extension of Signup

As of September 3, 2010 agricultural producers may submit applications for seven different Farm Bill conservation programs, administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Applications received at the Cheyenne NRCS field office, through November 19, 2010, will be compiled and ranked for 2011 funding. Applications received after that date will be deferred for future funding.

Private landowners are encouraged to sign-up for:

- [Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#)
- [Organic Initiative](#)
- [Irrigation Projects](#)
- [Grazing Land Improvements](#)
- [Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program \(WHIP\)](#)
- [Agricultural Management Assistance Program \(AMA\)](#)
- [Wetlands Reserve Program \(WRP\)](#)
- [Grassland Reserve Program \(GRP\)](#)
- [Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program \(FRPP\)](#)
- [Conservation Stewardship Program \(CSP\)](#)

Applications are available at your local NRCS Field Office in Cheyenne. For more information go to: <http://www.wy.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/index.html>.

No Till Today Workshop

A workshop will be held December 1, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Cheyenne, Wyoming from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration is to be completed by November 19th for a \$50 fee. A late fee of \$65 will be charged after November 19.

The workshop is sponsored by the Wyoming Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

The workshop will be covering many topics related to “no till” cropping systems such as soil health, tillage, fertilization, cover crops, residue management, Environmental Protection Agency rules and producer panel discussions.

For more information please contact Roni Schadegg at (307) 233-6747 or email at roni.schadegg@wy.usda.gov.

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Farm Loan Information

Farm Loan Year End Reviews

Producers that have a farm loan with FSA are reminded they must provide data for their Year-End Analysis to their loan officer each year. Borrowers are urged to provide this information timely so that their files can be maintained.

Applications for FSA Farm Loan Assistance

Farmers and ranchers that intend to apply to the Farm Service Agency for loan assistance for the upcoming crop year are encouraged to file their applications as early as possible. Failure to apply early may result in a delay in processing loans due to the volume of applications. Contact your local FSA Farm Loan representative for more details and assistance in applying.

Operating Loan Applications

Farmers that plan to apply for annual operating loan assistance are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Farmers should contact their local FSA office for information.

Dates To Remember

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| November 6 | Committee Election Ballots Mailed |
| November 11 | Veteran's Day Holiday – Office Closed |
| November 25 | Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed |
| December 1 | NAP Application Deadline |
| December 6 | Deadline to Return Election Ballots |

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