



# NEWSLETTER



## Laramie County FSA

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### Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Laramie County Staff

Doris Scheel  
Denise Hunt  
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### Farm Loan Officer

Dixie Mount- In the office on Tuesday. Located out of the Wheatland FSA Office. (307) 322-4050 phone

### County Committee

Dale Martin  
Mike Peterson  
Brian Jacobsen  
Louise Jacobsen, Advisor



## 2011 Supplement Disaster Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for the 2011 crop year Supplemental Disaster Assistance Program (SURE) will start on October 22, 2012 and end on June 7, 2013. This program will cover losses to crops that occurred due to an eligible weather event that occurred prior to September 30, 2011. In order to qualify, a producer with land physically located in Laramie County must have incurred at least a 10% or greater loss to a crop of economic significance. Under SURE, the 10% loss is on all production of that crop in all counties. In addition, you must have had all crops of economic significance insured and a crop acreage report for 2011 must be on file in our office on all acres and land uses for which you have an interest. The 10% loss requirement applies to Laramie County because of the Secretarial Disaster Declaration received for a contiguous county.

## Outgoing Payments

The Laramie County Office is currently issuing DCP/ACRE and CRP payments for the 2012 year. The process of issuing payments is a large task and our office is working as quickly as possible processing payments. Please review your transaction summaries for accuracy. If you are expecting a payment and have not received it by the end of October please contact our office.

## November 15th Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline

November 15th, 2012 marks the deadline to report all fall seeded small grains and perennial forage crops for the 2013 calendar year. Please contact our office for an appointment.

## Discrimination Claim Period Opens

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the opening of the claim period for Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers that allege discrimination during the period 1981 thru 2000. The claim period will run from September 24, 2012 thru March 25, 2013. More information is available from a website: [www.farmersclaims.gov](http://www.farmersclaims.gov) or by phone: [1-888-508-4429](tel:1-888-508-4429).

## Committee Election Nominations

Laramie County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 1. LAA 1 includes the area North and East of County Road 136 and 221 in Laramie County.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 5 and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by December 3, 2012.

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

NAP is catastrophic level (50% coverage) insurance for crops not insured by Federal Crop Insurance.

### Application Deadline

The Wyoming State FSA Committee has established December 1, 2012 as the application deadline for 2012 perennial (grass for grazing or hay) and biennial forage crops. The deadline for all other crops will remain April 1, 2012.

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### Control of Weeds

Your Conservation Plan has a section for Pest Management. This section includes weed control. Weeds on your land need to be controlled by shredding, disking, etc. This year's drought has led to many Russian thistle which blow into fences. Lack of weed control could become a violation. Please be kind to your neighbor and control your weeds.

### Conservation Reserve Program

#### Haying and Grazing of CRP

Producers who requested and were approved to hay or graze their CRP are required to have their bales removed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Grazing was extended until November 30 or when the grass is grazed to three inches as written into your Conservation Grazing Plan. Spot-checks will be completed.

### IRS 1099 Changes

Calendar year 2012 has brought changes to the way FSA reports farm program payments to the producer and to the IRS. In past years, IRS Forms 1099-G would be issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount. Starting with calendar year 2012, producers whose total reportable payments from FSA are less than \$600 will not receive IRS Form 1099-G. Also, producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive one Form 1099-G if the total of all payments from all counties is \$600 or more. The same changes will apply to producers and vendors who normally receive IRS Form 1099-MISC from FSA.

### Dates to Remember

November 12	Veterans Day Holiday – Office Closed
November 15	Pasture and fall planted wheat final crop reporting date
November 22	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – Office Closed
December 1	Final Day to buy a NAP Policy for grass hay or grass for grazing.
December 25	Christmas Holiday – Office Closed

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