



NEWSLETTER



Laramie County FSA

May 2013

Gary Gompert, CED

11221 US Hwy 30
Cheyenne, WY 82009
gary.gompert@wy.usda.gov

/s/ *Gary Gompert*

(307) 772-2314 phone
(307) 772-2120 fax
www.fsa.usda.gov/WY

Hours

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

Laramie County Staff

Doris Scheel
Denise Hunt
Krista Macy

Farm Loan Officer

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

County Committee

Brian Jacobsen
Dale Martin
Mike Peterson
Louise Jacobsen, Advisor



Committee Election

Committee Nominations Open for LAA #2

Nominations of candidates for the Farm Service Agency county committee election representing producers in Local Administrative Area (LAA) number 2 will be accepted through August 1, 2013. Producers who are eligible to vote in LAA 2 and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. Beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to nominate themselves and participate in the election process.

Laramie County FSA will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 2. That position is currently held by Dale Martin. LAA 2 includes southeast corner of Laramie County east of County Road 136 and south of County Road 221.

Nomination form FSA-669 A can be found on the web site:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections> and scroll down to the links under "Election Materials" and CLICK "2013 Nomination Form". Nomination information on elections can be found under "Fact Sheets".

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 4 and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by Dec. 2, 2013.

All farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers are encouraged to participate. The county committee provides local input on commodity price support loans and payments; establish allotment and yields; conservation programs; disaster assistance payments and other programs.

Conservation Reserve Program

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General Signup

FSA will be conducting CRP general signup 45 on May 20 - June 14, 2013. General signup means entire fields can be offered under a competitive bid process. There are several options to enhance your offer to become more competitive such as improved wildlife habitat and pollinators. The offers will be ranked so the highest ranked offers will be accepted.

The financial benefits of CRP are annual rental payments will be provided for the length of the CRP contract and cost share will be provided to assist with the establishment of the resource conserving cover. Expired CRP contracts are eligible to be reoffered and CRP contracts expiring this fall are also eligible to be reoffered. Please call for an appointment.

Continuous CRP Signup Through September 30, 2013

The Continuous CRP allows eligible producers to enroll small acreages of eligible cropland or marginal pastureland into the CRP. Participants agree to establish approved conservation practices (farmstead windbreaks, living snow fences, etc.) and remove land from agriculture production in return for annual rental payments for 10 – 15 years. Participants can receive 50% of the cost to establish the practices along with a 40% cost share incentive payment and a one-time signup incentive payment. Please call for an appointment.

Maturing CRP Contracts

CRP participants with expiring contract acres in the final year of the CRP-1, who intend to destroy cover for preparation for fall-seeded crops, need pre-authorization from FSA to avoid penalty. Authorization can only be granted after a completed CRP-1G (Modification to Allow Early Preparation) is reviewed and approved by a representative of the Commodity Credit Corporation and the producer completes a conservation plan with NRCS.

CRP Acreage Reports

CRP acreage is required to be reported annually by filing a crop acreage report by July 15, 2013. Late filed reports on CRP will cost a minimum of \$46 per farm.

Farm Program Information

2013 Direct & Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and Agriculture Conservation Revenue Enhancement (ACRE) Signup

Signup for the 2013 DCP will be held now through August 2, 2013. ACRE signup ends June 3. All producers planting on DCP base acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm. **Please call for an appointment.**

Acreage Reports

Please file a crop report. Call for an appointment. The deadline is July 15, 2013, so don't wait until the last minute! Late filed acreage reports will cost a minimum of \$46 per farm.

Final Crop Reporting Date Changes for 2013/2014 Crops

2013 and subsequent years' acreage reporting deadlines are:

- Spring seeded crops & CRP - July 15
- Perennial Forage, PRF, Fall Wheat, and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains - Nov 15

This means your 2014 perennial hay crops, winter wheat, and range reporting deadline is Nov. 15, 2013. And late-filed fees will apply to 2014 crops NOT timely filed!

Farm Record Changes

June 1, 2013 is the deadline to provide changes to your farm records at the local FSA office for the 2013 crop year. If you are changing your operation entity type, adding or dropping cropland or farms, or adding entities to your operation, contact the FSA county office by June 1.

Fruit and Vegetable (FAV) Planting

Participating DCP and ACRE farms are limited to the amount of FAV's that can be planted without a payment reduction/violation. FAV acres may not exceed the non-contract acres on the farm. Farms must have a FAV history on the farm or the producer must have a history of producing FAV to be eligible for planting FAV on base acres. FAV's include dry beans, potatoes, onions and chicory. Planting FAV can cause you to lose benefits and could also include fines. Please contact the office before planting so we can keep you from losing benefits and avoid penalty.

DCP Cover Requirements

Fallow acreage on cropland that supports DCP base acres must be protected from wind and water erosion and have the weeds controlled. Violations for not controlling weeds and wind or water erosion will lead to penalties.

Prevented Planting / Failed Acreage

A Notice of Loss form, CCC-576, should be filed if you have crops that were prevented from being planted or acreage that has failed. For losses on crops covered by NAP or crop insurance, a CCC-576 must be filed within 15 days of the date of the loss or when the loss became apparent. Prevented plantings should be filed within 15 days of the final planting date for the crop.

Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Information

Production Deadline for 2012 NAP Crops

The deadline for 2012 NAP production is July 15, 2013.

NAP Production Deadline Change – 2012 Crops

Recently Congress directed FSA and RMA to coordinated acreage reporting deadlines as a convenience to producers. The result is the new acreage reporting deadline of Nov. 15, 2012 for 2013 fall crops, including perennial forage crops (hay and pasture). This change impacts the NAP program because the deadline for reporting production and application for payment of crop losses on 2013 hay will now be Nov. 15, 2013.

THERE ARE NO LATE FILED PROVISIONS. We need a signed and dated production report on form FSA-452 by the deadline. The County Committee will have to assign a yield for any NAP crop for which production was NOT reported timely. A reduced proven yield results in reduced payment on any future losses.

Disaster Programs

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program

Signup for the SURE Program for 2011 crop losses runs through June 7, 2013. Please call for an appointment. At a minimum, to be eligible for the SURE Program, the producer must have purchased or be enrolled in the following for the 2011 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.

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.

Farm Loans

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL) allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. Additional security is required for certain facilities, including poured-cement open-bunker silos, renewable biomass facilities, cold storage facilities, hay barns and for all loans exceeding \$50,000. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. For more information about FSFL please visit your FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Dates to Remember

May 20 – June 14	CRP Signup to be held
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed
May 31	Loan / LDP Deadline for Feed Grains
June 3	ACRE Signup Deadline
June 7	SURE Signup Deadline
July 4	Independence Day Holiday – Office Closed
July 15	Crop Reporting Deadline
August 1	Deadline to File a Nomination for LAA2
August 2	DCP Signup Deadline
November 15	Crop Reporting Deadline for 2014 Winter Wheat and Perennial Forage

“USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800)877-8339 (Local or Federal Relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).”

Laramie County FSA Office
11221 US Hwy 30
Cheyenne, WY 82009



PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
CHEYENNE, WYOMING
PERMIT No. G-96