



NEWSLETTER



Laramie County FSA Office

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Livestock Disaster Programs

Livestock Forage Disaster Program

The 2014 Farm Bill makes the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible losses back to Oct. 1, 2011. LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP payments for drought are equal to 60 percent of the monthly feed cost for up to five months. LFP payments for fire on federally managed rangeland are equal to 50 percent of the monthly feed cost for the number of days the producer is prohibited from grazing the managed rangeland, not to exceed 180 calendar days. The grazing losses must have occurred on or after Oct. 1, 2011.

Sign-up will begin on April 15, 2014, at any local Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center by appointment only. Additional details on the types of information required for an application will be provided as part of the sign-up announcement. Some eligibility restrictions may apply. Please consult your local FSA office for details.

Eligible livestock producers in Laramie County will be eligible for: 5 monthly payments for 2012 and 4 monthly payments for 2013.

Livestock Indemnity Payments

The 2014 Farm Bill makes the Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP) a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible livestock losses back to Oct. 1, 2011. LIP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law, including wolves and avian predators. LIP payments are equal to 75 percent of the market value of the applicable livestock on the day before the date of death of the livestock as determined by the Secretary.

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Livestock owners should record all pertinent information of livestock death losses due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.

Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by such items as:

- Photographs or video records to document the loss, dated if possible
- Purchase records, veterinarian records, production records, bank or other loan documents
- Written contracts, records assembled for tax purposes, private insurance documents, and other similar reliable documents.

Additional information regarding LIP or other FSA programs can be found by visiting a nearby FSA Service Center or online at fsa.usda.gov.

Livestock Disaster Program Public Meetings

We are planning to hold some meetings to discuss the livestock programs for those of you with questions. The meetings will be held in the next couple of months. We are in the process of getting meetings scheduled.

County Committee Election Results

Congratulations to Dale Martin! Dale was elected to represent farmers from Local Administrative Area #2 on the county committee. Dale was elected to his second term. In the first meeting Mike Peterson was elected Chair, Dale Martin, was elected Vice Chair, and Brian Jacobsen is Member

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation.

Farm Program Information

2014 Farm Bill

The new farm bill will bring significant changes in programs administered by USDA. At this point, we know few details on the new programs. We do know that there will be 2 options available under the farm program:

1. Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and 2. Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) We do not have the rules and we do not know when signups will begin. Commodity loans and Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) programs will continue.

Crop Reports

Crop reports, form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. In Wyoming, producers need to file their 2014 acreage reports for spring seeded crops and CRP by July 15, 2014.

2014 and subsequent years' acreage reporting deadlines:

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

Your 2015 perennial hay/forage crops and winter wheat reporting deadline will be November 15, 2014.

Administrative Information

New Staff

We have two new permanent employees. They are Kendal Sedman and Karla Warren. We also have a new temporary employee, she is Christine Schinzel.

New FAX Number

FSA has changed the way we send and receive a FAX. We now FAX through our computer. Therefore we have a new FAX number. It is: 855-415-3429.

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 Changes

As always you are required to notify our office of any changes in your farming operation for 2014. Did you buy some new land? Are you renting different land or have your shares changed for 2014? 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.

FSA Signature Policy

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse. There are exceptions to the rule, where spouses may not sign on behalf of each other for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities. Individual signatures are also required on certain Farm Loan Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan documents.

Foreign Buyers Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report new holdings or their changes in holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA. All individuals who are not U.S. citizens, and have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county, are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form (FSA-153) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, real estate agents, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

Conservation Reserve Program

Report CRP Acreage

You are required to report your CRP acreage each year. July 15 is the deadline.

Weed Control on CRP

CRP contracts holders are required to control weeds on CRP. Check your CRP for noxious weeds. Violations could lead to payment reductions and possible terminations.

CRP Will Continue

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will continue; however, national acreage caps will be gradually lowered to 24 million acres in 2017 and 2018. ***We do not know if, and when, another general CRP signup will take place.***

Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

NAP producers who had a 2013 application need to have their production reported to FSA by July 15 or risk lowering your Approved Production History (APH) for the crop.

Payment Eligibility

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 or certify to no changes on form CCC-902 E for an entity or form CCC-902 I for an individual, adjusted gross income certification form CCC-941 and an AD-1026 certifying the farm is following an approved conservation system.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) provisions have been changed. Producers whose AGI exceeds \$900,000 will not be eligible to receive benefits from most programs administered by FSA or NRCS.

Farm Loan Information

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.

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.

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Dates To Remember

April 15	Signup for Livestock Forage Program starts.
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May 26	Memorial Day Holiday
July 4	Independence Day Holiday
July 15	Last day to do a crop report and report CRP acreage.
July 15	NAP production report deadline

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