

November 2013



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## Natrona/Converse County FSA Updates

November 15 - acreage reports due for fall and perennials crops (late file fee waived until January 15)

November 28 - office closed for Thanksgiving

December 2 - last day to purchase 2014 NAP for grazing

December 9 - Next COC meeting, 1:00 pm

Mid December - NRCS is still accepting EQIP applications. No deadline has been set at this time

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### Natrona/Converse County FSA Office

#### Casper Service Center

5880 Enterprise Dr, Ste 100

Casper, WY 82609

Office Hours: 8 am-4:30 pm

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### ECP SIGNUP EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 5

Because County FSA Offices were closed during the government shutdown, the final day to apply for the Emergency Conservation Program has been extended to December 5th. Converse and Natrona County producers who are still dealing with drought may apply for 75% cost share (C/S) on pipelines, water wells or other drought emergency measures and 50% C/S on temporary practices such as water hauling. These practices must serve pastures where the normal water sources, such as wells, dams, creeks, are **currently** dry or inadequate.

The EC7 water hauling cost share policy has been revised at the national level. Cost share is 50% of the actual cost of hauling water to livestock, not to exceed \$0.02 per gallon of calculated water need. The emergency livestock water hauling practice can be applied for if there are no other means of obtaining water for livestock.

Emergency livestock water hauling measures are limited to:

- The amount which provides the minimum amount necessary to currently sustain the livestock according to the NRCS National Range and Pasture Handbook. Grazing land with adequate range or pasture residue for livestock in the area to be served by proposed

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- water hauling at the time of the request
  - Livestock in confinement operations that were in confinement before the drought
  - The producer's base livestock herd that has been owned continuously for 120 days prior to the county being approved for ECP drought assistance (August 29)
  - Only those grazing areas having adequate livestock watering systems or facilities before the drought
  - 60 calendar days per year of practice performance normally starting from your COC approved start date.
  - Hauling water to fill tanks or troughs
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  - 60 calendar days per producer, per year of practice performance from the COC approval date or COC approved start date, whichever occurs first.
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Cost sharing is not authorized for:

- Hauling water to fill earthen structures such as dug pits, ponds, or pools
- Grazing areas including grazing allotments, that normally require water hauling to livestock or have hauled water to livestock in 3 of the last 10 years.
- Dry lot, feedlot or confined livestock not in confinement before the water year
- Mileage or fuel costs for personal or rented equipment (such as trucks, pump motors)
- Purchase of water, pumps, or pumping equipment
- Measures primarily providing water for recreation or wildlife.

Eligible costs to provide emergency water for livestock include:

- labor (self or hired), contracted hauling service, water transport equipment rental We will need the location of the new well or pipeline and also the locations of dry well, dams, or creeks and the number of livestock to take your application. Deena can take your request at the Douglas Service Center on November 26.

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## **PURCHASE 2014 NAP COVERAGE BY DECEMBER 1, 2013**

The last day to purchase Noninsurable Assistance Program (NAP) insurance on your grazing and/or grass hay acres is Monday, December 2, 2013. If you had NAP last year, all you need to do is mail a check to the Casper office or drop it off at the Casper or Douglas office. The amount is \$250 per crop. If you participated in 2013, you should have gotten a reminder letter in the mail.

## **2013 NAP PERCENT OF LOSS**

We expect to have our percentage of losses set at the next COC meeting on December 9. Thank you for your patience! We will get the payments out as soon as we can.

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## **Tee Time? Tea Time? No...Tree Time!**

Natrona County Conservation District is taking orders now for seedling trees and shrubs to be received in May of 2014. Are you in need of a windbreak for your property, while at the same time providing shelter for wildlife or livestock? Do you want to "guide" snow drifts to more desirable areas than your driveway or in front of a shop or barn? And do you need these trees to be affordable and Wyoming hardy?

NCCD's seedling tree and shrub program provides affordable yet quality bare-root tree and shrub stock for all of the above. Non-potted seedling trees cost only \$1.05 to \$2.20 per tree, and are sold in bundles of 10 or 25. With the proper planting, protection and care, trees will provide many years of shelter, shade and wildlife habitat..

Conservation Seedling Tree and Shrub Order forms are available at the USDA Service Center in Casper or available online at [www.nccdwyoming.com](http://www.nccdwyoming.com) . You can also reach the district at 307-261-5436, ext. 103, and an order form can be mailed to you.

"The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is today."

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