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**DISASTER DESIGNATION(s)**

Several Montana counties received disaster designations for crop year 2011. Park County, Wyoming is contiguous to one or more of these counties and therefore, Park County, Wyoming producers who suffered crop losses from the same weather related events may be eligible for emergency loan assistance. Producers may qualify for emergency loans based on losses caused by severe weather occurring on April 3, 8, 22, 26 and 30, 2011; May 9-10, 18-21 and 30, 2011; and flooding resulting from those storms beginning on April 4, 2011. Under Wyoming Disaster Designation #M4007 producers may qualify for emergency loans based on losses from severe storms, flooding, and landslides that occurred May 18 through July 8, 2011.

**FARM LOAN PROGRAMS**  
**"Lender of First Opportunity"**

Farm Service Agency has farm loan programs that are designed to help farmers and ranchers get started and keep going! FSA farm loan programs provide assistance for eligible producers which include: Beginning farmers and ranchers, Rural Youths, Socially Disadvantaged producers, established farmers suffering setbacks and producers with Limited Resources. All loans must meet qualifying criteria to be eligible. Maximum loan amounts are \$300,000 for Direct Farm Ownership and Operating loans; \$1,119,000 for Guaranteed Farm Ownership and Operating loans. Youth loans are available for up to \$5,000 to individual youths to establish and operate income producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H Clubs, FFA and similar organizations. Each fiscal year the agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed loan funds to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers. A beginning farmer is someone who has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years. A socially disadvantaged applicant is someone who is one of a group whose members have been subject to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice. If you have questions regarding the Farm Loan Program or wish to make an appointment, please contact Kathy Palazzolo at 754-9411, Ext 2.

**Adjusted Gross Income Report Form to IRS**

The Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) consent form (CCC-927 or CCC-928) must be submitted to the IRS as soon as possible in order to maintain eligibility for 2009 and 2010 program benefits. The consent form only authorizes IRS to verify for FSA whether a payment recipient's AGI meets the eligibility requirements of FSA programs. It does not authorize IRS to divulge any other information to FSA. Program participants who have earned payments in 2009 or 2010 and have failed to file these forms will receive a notice from the FSA national office stating that the producer is ineligible for the payments and that the payments will need to be refunded with interest.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

This office will be closed November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

**FARM LOAN PROGRAM PRODUCERS NEED TO PREPARE FOR ANALYSIS**

It is that time of year to prepare for the 2011 Annual Analysis and prepare 2012 Farm Business Plan. We encourage you to complete your 2011 actual income and expense calculations and reconcile to the amount in your checkbook. The 2012 Farm Business Plan needs to be completed to project the best possible plan. If your records are complete when you come to the office, it will save you time and allow FSA to process your services in a timely manner. To make an appointment or if you have any questions contact Kathy at 754-9411 Ext 2.

**REPORTING PRODUCTION for NAP**

Participants in the Non-insured Assistance Program need to submit crop production evidence in order for us to complete proven yield calculations. As you complete harvest and cleaning of NAP seed crops or sale of NAP crops, submit production evidence to this office so we can complete the proven yield calculations.



## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

### Non-INSURED ASSISTANCE (NAP) DEADLINE

December 1, 2011 is the deadline to apply for Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2012 perennial crops such as perennial seed crops, rangeland and other non-insurable forage crops. NAP provides crop loss coverage for crops, pasture, and rangeland for which Multi-peril or Catastrophic crop insurance (CAT) is not available. If you have an interest in any of these crops or grazing lands or will plant or have an interest in a perennial crop next year and that crop or grazing land will produce seed or forage in 2012, don't miss the Dec. 1 NAP deadline. Some NAP crops affected by this deadline are **grass seed crops, red clover, vetch, sainfoin, uninsurable hayland, rangeland and/or other grazing lands.** NAP coverage is available for most crops, hay and grazing lands that don't meet CAT insurability requirements and other non-insurable crops that are grown commercially. There is a \$250 per crop administrative fee not to exceed \$750 per producer per county and \$1875 per producer with multi-county interests. Coverage is based on 50% of yield and 55% of price.

### FARM CHANGES

In order for us to properly and accurately administer farm programs, it is very important that we have current records of the owners and operators of farms. Farm owners and operators are asked to report changes in farming or ranching operations to this office. This may include the purchase or sale of a farm or the rental of a farm which you did not have an interest in last year. Please report these changes so that we can process applications for program participation in a timely manner and so we can keep you informed regarding program eligibility.

### Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

The 2008 Farm Bill includes a disaster program known as the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE). **To be eligible for the SURE program, you must have Multi-peril crop insurance for all insurable crops in the farming operation and you must have NAP coverage for all non-insurable crops!!** Failure to carry NAP coverage or failure to insure your crops will make you ineligible for SURE payments. A SURE calculator is available on the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/fbapp?area=home&subject=landi ng&topic=landing>. The calculator is a tool to help with calculations and to help you determine whether to purchase the necessary insurance for SURE eligibility. It is not the approved software to compute and provide actual payment information. By using the calculator, you may begin familiarizing yourself with the SURE calculations which allows you to run various scenarios based on basic levels of insurance coverage versus buy up levels of insurance coverage. It is important to note that this calculator only addresses yield based crops and does not address value loss crops or those plans of insurance that are revenue based. It does not include calculations for situations such as prevented planting, first crop/second crop or other scenarios.

Ballots for the 2011 Park County FSA committee election will be mailed to eligible voters no later than November 4, 2011. The final date to return your election ballot is Monday, December 5, 2011. The committee election this year is for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2, the Heart Mountain/Cody community. There are 3 candidates running for a 3 year term to serve as your representative for the LAA. The candidates are Sandra Allshouse, Tim Duyck and Teddy Jones. If you farm, ranch or own agricultural land in this community and do not receive an election ballot, please contact this office.

### DIRECT DEPOSIT OF PROGRAM PAYMENTS

Farm program payments earned through this office are required to be paid by direct deposit into a bank account selected by the program participant. If you have completed a direct deposit agreement and have had a bank account change, you must notify us of these changes for your payment to be properly deposited.

### REPORTING CROP LOSSES FOR NAP

Producers are reminded that they must report losses on NAP crops no later than 15 days after the date of a disaster occurrence or date that damage to the crops is apparent. Notices of loss that are filed after 15 days (late-filed) of the crop loss can still be approved by the county committee if verification of the specific crop and acreage can be made and if it can be determined that the cause of loss is due to an eligible disaster condition. If a positive verification of both of the above requirements cannot be made, the late filed Notice of Loss will be disapproved and the producer will not be eligible for a loss payment.

### 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, the buyer is required to place both the lien holder's and seller's names on the check. 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 (307)777-7311.

### Electronic Newsletters

Farm Service Agency is providing a cost effective option for delivering news, deadlines and program information to agriculture producers and others interested in programs administered by FSA. Interested producers now have the option of receiving information electronically from your state or county FSA office. FSA's electronic system of delivering program information, known as GovDelivery, allows you to receive up-to-the-minute federal farm program information directly to your home or farm office email account or smart phone. GovDelivery electronic news service is free and convenient. Contact this office to find out how you can subscribe to GovDelivery today or subscribe online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe>.



## **LOW INTEREST GRAIN BIN LOAN PROGRAM**

Commodity Credit Corporation, acting through Farm Service Agency, has reauthorized the farm storage facility loan program. Basic provisions of this loan program are:

- Loans may be made for grain storage structures, grain handling equipment and drying equipment
- Loans will be for new storage or expansion or upgrades of existing storage
- The term of approved loans is 7, 10 or 12 years
- The interest rate is equivalent to the rate of interest charged on Treasury Securities of comparable maturity
- The October 2011 interest rate is 1.5% for 7 year loans, 2.125% for 10 year loans and 2.375% for 12 year loans

Producers with approved loans will be required to insure the facility against loss and to have crop insurance, either multi-peril crop insurance or federal crop insurance, until the loan is paid in full.

## **SURE SIGNUP & ELIGIBILITY**

Signup for the 2010 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) begins on November 14, 2011 and continues through June 1, 2012. To be eligible for 2010 SURE, you must have suffered weather related crop losses during crop year 2010. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. Producers with a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. Producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by having obtained a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage for all economically significant crops. If there is no Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For more information on the SURE program, please visit this office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## **SEEDLING TREES AVAILABLE**

The Powell/Clarksfork and Cody Conservation Districts are accepting orders for seedling trees. If you are interested in ordering trees for planting in spring of 2012, you can obtain a tree order form from the Powell/Clarksfork Conservation District office at the Powell USDA Service Center; 1017 Hwy 14A, from the Cody Conservation District office; 1145 Sheridan Ave. or you can obtain a tree order form on the Powell/Clarksfork Conservation District website at [pcfcd.org](http://pcfcd.org).

## **December County Committee Meeting**

The Park County FSA committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. when there is business to be conducted. However, the next meeting of the Park County FSA Committee will take place on Monday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. for the counting of the COC election ballots.



## **WOOL, MOHAIR & PELT LOANS or LDP'S**

Wool and Mohair producers who shear wool and/or mohair can either request a 9 month marketing assistance loan or agree to forego the loan for a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP). Producers are reminded that they must sign up for their LDP prior to losing beneficial interest in the commodity. If you sell your wool or mohair at shearing, you must sign the application for LDP prior to shearing and prior to losing beneficial interest in the wool. If you store your wool or mohair, you must sign up for the LDP before you lose beneficial interest in the commodity. Eligible producers of unshorn lamb pelts may also apply for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP). An unshorn pelt is defined as the removed skin and attached wool from a slaughtered lamb that has never been shorn. To be eligible for an LDP for unshorn pelts, producers must have owned the unshorn lamb for at least 30 calendar days before the date of slaughter and sell the unshorn lamb for immediate slaughter or slaughter the unshorn lamb for personal use. Immediate slaughter is considered slaughter of the lamb within a 10 day period after the loss of beneficial interest. Eligible producers are considered to have lost beneficial interest on the date of delivery or the date of the receipt of payment, whichever comes earliest. Producers must sign an application for the unshorn lamb pelt Loan Deficiency Payment prior to losing beneficial interest in the lamb.

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<b><u>Nov 11</u></b>	Office Closed, Veteran's Day Holiday
<b><u>Nov. 25</u></b>	Office Closed, Thanksgiving Day Holiday
<b><u>Dec. 1</u></b>	Deadline to purchase NAP for perennial crops
<b><u>Dec. 5</u></b>	County Committee Election deadline
<b><u>Dec. 12</u></b>	County Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
<b><u>Dec. 26</u></b>	Office Closed, Christmas Day Holiday
<b><u>Jan. 2</u></b>	Office Closed, New Years Day Holiday
<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays</u></b>	County committee meets; unless otherwise announced
<b><u>As Soon As Possible</u></b>	Provide production evidence for NAP crops
<b><u>Prior to selling wool</u></b>	Sign up for Wool LDP
<b><u>Prior to selling unshorn lambs</u></b>	Sign up for Lamb Pelt LDP
<b><u>Anytime</u></b>	Continuous CRP

# READ ALL ABOUT IT!!



**Farm Loan Program Opportunities**  
**Non-insured Assistance Program deadline nears**  
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**Protect yourself as a buyer of Agriculture Products**  
**Electronic options for receiving FSA News**  
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**And much, much more. . .**

