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**NEW REPORTING DEADLINE FOR PERENNIALS
AND FALL SEEDED CROPS**

Please note, acreage report deadlines have changed as follows:

November 15, 2012 – Perennials and fall seeded small grains
January 15, 2013 – Established and fall planted alfalfa seed
July 15, 2013 – All spring planted crops

Please pay attention to the November 15 and January 15 deadlines for perennial crops. Late fees may apply to acreage reports that are filed after the deadline(s). **FAILURE TO FILE AN ACREAGE REPORT WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF USDA BENEFITS.**

DISASTER DESIGNATION(s)

Because of the drought that occurred during the 2012 crop year, the Secretary of Agriculture has issued an official weather related crop disaster declaration for Park County. The designation allows Park County agricultural producers to apply for emergency program assistance from FSA, provided program eligibility requirements are met. Programs that become available due to the disaster declaration(s) include FSA Emergency Loans.

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; \$1,302,000 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.



OFFICE CLOSED



This office will be closed November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day and November 22 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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

It is that time of year to prepare for the 2012 Annual Analysis and 2013 Farm Business Plan. We encourage you to complete your 2012 actual income and expense calculations and reconcile to the amount in your checkbook. The 2013 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 3, 2012 is the deadline to apply for Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2013 perennial crops such as perennial seed crops, rangeland, other non-insurable forage crops and honey. 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 2013, don't miss the Dec. 3 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=landing&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 2012 Park County FSA committee election will be mailed to eligible voters no later than November 5, 2012. The final date to return your election ballot is Monday, December 3, 2012. The committee election this year is for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1, the Powell/Clarksfork community. Klodette Stroh is the candidate running for a 3 year term to serve as your representative for the LAA. 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 crop(s) 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>.



SURE SIGNUP & ELIGIBILITY

Signup for the 2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) began on October 22, 2012 and continues through June 7, 2013. To be eligible for 2011 SURE, you must have suffered weather related crop losses during crop year 2011. 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>.

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 2012 interest rate is 1.125% for 7 year loans, 1.75% for 10 year loans and 2.0% 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.

December County Committee Meeting

The Park County FSA committee meets the 3rd 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 10 at 10:00 a.m. for the counting of the COC election ballots.

	Nov 12	Office Closed, Veteran's Day Holiday
	Nov. 22	Office Closed, Thanksgiving Day Holiday
	Dec. 1	Deadline to purchase NAP for perennial crops
	Dec. 3	County Committee Election deadline
	Dec. 10	County Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
	Dec. 25	Office Closed, Christmas Day Holiday
	Jan. 1	Office Closed, New Years Day Holiday
	3rd Wednesdays	County committee meets; unless otherwise announced
	As Soon As Possible	Provide production evidence for NAP crops
	Anytime	Continuous CRP



READ ALL ABOUT IT!!



New crop report deadlines for 2013
Farm Loan Program Opportunities
Non-insured Assistance Program deadline nears
Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) requirements
Protect yourself as a buyer of Agriculture Products
Electronic options for receiving FSA News
Farm Storage Facility Loan Program
FSA County Committee Election
And much, much more. . .



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