

October, 2009

## **Platte County News**

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**Platte County FSA**  
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Wheatland, WY 82201  
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**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
David Hinman  
Darrel Vaughn  
Britt Wilson  
Ruth Cundall

**Staff**  
Mike Hoffland DD  
Rick Carroll CED  
Dixie Mount FLO  
Celia Herman PT  
Mitzi Mudgett PT  
Joni Reyes PT



### **2009 County Committee Election**

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters around November 6. Instructions for voting will be included. December 7<sup>th</sup> is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office, or postmarked. Ballots will be counted on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please take time to vote and select your representative on the County Committee.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2010.

### **Notice to CRP Managed Haying/Grazing Producers**

If you are a producer who has either hayed or grazed your CRP under managed haying or grazing please be reminded of the following deadlines: Haying must be completed by October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and all hay must be removed from the field(s) by October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Grazing is permitted through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 or when the adequate stubble height is met according to your grazing plan.

### **Livestock Indemnity Program**

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from a natural disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011. The losses must be a direct result of an adverse weather condition, including but not limited to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold, & lightning. Note that drought is not a qualifying event. Eligible livestock are adult/non-adult cattle, buffalo and beefalo, equine, sheep, alpacas, emus, swine, goats, llamas, poultry and domestic elk, deer and reindeer. Ineligible livestock include animals that die as a result of disease not related to adverse weather, malnutrition or poor handling practices. Payment rates are per head by livestock kind/type and weight range.

For 2009 and subsequent years, no person or legal entity (excluding a joint venture or general partnership) may receive, directly or indirectly, more than \$100,000 per program year total under LIP, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) combined.

Persons or legal entities that have an average adjusted gross nonfarm income that exceeds \$500,000 are not eligible for LIP.

Documentation that can be brought to the County Office: Bank or Loan documents; Federal Emergency Management Records; Tax Records; Private Insurance documents; Property Tax records; Purchase records; Rendering Truck receipts; Veterinarian records; Written contracts; Brand inspection records. Vaccination records; Pregnancy test records; and Beginning and Ending inventory.

Certification of livestock deaths by third parties may be accepted only if verifiable proof or reliable proof of death records is not available. The livestock owner will be required to certify in writing the following:

That there is no other verifiable or reliable documentation of death available.

The number and physical location of livestock, by category, that were in inventory when the deaths occurred

Other details required for FSA to determine the certification acceptable

The third party must be an independent source who is not a family member and who is not affiliated with the farming operation. A third party certification must include the person's name, telephone number and address, details specific to the livestock deaths, his/her affiliation with the livestock owner, and certify to the accuracy of the deaths claimed by the livestock owner; **NOTE: Livestock producers must complete form FSA-926 to provide proof of death using a third party certification.**

Date of Livestock Death: July 13, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Final Date to File a Notice of Loss: 30 Days after death is apparent

Final Date to File Application for 2009 Payment: January 30, 2010

### **Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)**

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occurred when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of crops that are not covered by crop insurance. The application deadline for the **2010 NAP** coverage on fall seeded and perennial crop's is **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following:

Timely file acreage reports

File a "Notice of Loss" on form CCC-576 within 15 days of when the loss was apparent.

File a "Notice of Payment" on form CCC-576.

Report harvested production such as weight tickets, bale count, etc.

Report change of ownership, operation or share.

**When a loss has occurred, please contact our office prior to harvesting or grazing**

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. . We recommend producers submit 2009 production records as soon as harvest is complete. **All 2009 production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.**

### **Biomass Crop Assistance Program**

The new Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) is of interest to biomass conversion facilities and those who own, chip and transport biomass material to these facilities.

Chippers and producers with conversion facilities contract to prepare and deliver material can apply for matching payments under the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) component of BCAP. Once an agreement is signed between FSA and a biomass conversion facility and funding is provided, the facilities can begin accepting materials under this program. Contact your FSA office or visit [WWW.fsa.usda.gov](http://WWW.fsa.usda.gov) for more information.

## Commodity Loans

Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) **provide financing and marketing assistance** for wheat, feed grains (barley, corn, oats), honey, wool, mohair. This assistance is available to eligible producers beginning with harvest season and extending through the program year.

The 2009 Platte County loan rate for each commodity is as follows: HRS Wheat \$3.13/BU, HRW Wheat \$2.43/BU, Corn \$2.02/BU, Barley \$1.80/BU, Oats \$1.30/BU.

**Loan Maturity Date:** Loans will mature on the last day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month following application.

**Loan Service Fees:** Fees are the smaller of ½ of 1% times the gross loan amount, or \$45/loan plus \$3.00 for each bin.

**Interest Rates:** Commodity loans will carry the interest rate of the month in which the loan is disbursed through December 31<sup>st</sup>, of each year, at which time the rate will change to the January rate.

**Liens:** If any liens on the commodity exist, we require that the lien holder complete a lien waiver form before the loan is issued. CCC requires first lien on any commodity put under loan.

**The final date to request** a commodity loan for barley, oats, and wheat is March 31, 2010, and for corn is May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

## Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)

LDP's are available if the posted county price falls below the loan rate. In recent years the commodities eligible for LDP have been wool, unshorn pelts, and mohair. Currently, Barley now shows an LDP payment rate as its posted county price has fallen below the loan rate. Eligible types of harvested production for Barley and other crops are grain, silage, or forage (hay). Page 1 of form CCC-633EZ must be filed prior to losing beneficial interest in the commodity (before selling or contracting the grain, hay, wool, mohair or unshorn pelts, and before feeding any eligible commodity). Payments are based on the earlier of the date beneficial interest is lost or when request for LDP payment is made on appropriate page 2 or page 4 of form CCC-633 EZ.

## Sign Up for 2010 Conservation Programs Now

**Platte County** – Agricultural producers are encouraged to submit applications for fiscal year 2010 conservation programs at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office. The NRCS office in Wheatland will be accepting program applications until November 1, 2009. Eligible applications may be considered for funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), and the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). Applications received after November 1 will be deferred for consideration at a future date as funding becomes available.

Applications are available at the USDA Service Center at 1502 Progress Court in Wheatland, WY. For more information call (307) 322-9060 or go to [www.wy.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/index.html](http://www.wy.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/index.html).

## 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.

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***IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER***

October 12	Columbus Day – Office Closed
November 6	COC Ballots mailed to voters
November 11	Veteran’s Day – Office Closed
November 26	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
December 1	Final Date to purchase NAP Fall coverage
December 7	Last day to return COC Ballots
Continues	Continuous CRP sign up
Continues	Farm Stored Facility Loan Program

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