



PLATTE COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER

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Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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COC Meetings

January 12, 2012
June 21, 2012
September 20, 2012
December 10, 2012

CRP EMERGENCY GRAZING DEADLINE EXTENDED

Platte County was approved for emergency haying and grazing of CRP acres earlier this summer. Producers shall limit emergency grazing to not more than 75% of the stocking rate determined by NRCS. A Conservation Plan modification is required which includes the number of livestock and days of grazing approved. The final date to complete emergency grazing had been Sept. 30, 2012. **Recently Secretary Vilsack extended this deadline to Nov. 30, 2012.** However, producers are still limited to the number livestock and days that were established in their grazing plan.

If your emergency grazing plan had an end grazing date of Sept. 30, you may want to contact NRCS to see if your ending grazing date may be extended into October. If you have CRP that hasn't been hayed or grazed under the emergency haying and grazing provisions and you want to graze it in Oct./Nov. contact the County Office to signup and NRCS about obtaining a conservation plan modification.

Emergency Haying concluded Aug. 30, 2012 in Wyoming and is **NOT** included in this extension.

Livestock Producers Affected by Disasters Urged to Keep Good Records

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia has urged livestock producers affected by natural disasters such as the current drought and fires experienced in Platte County to keep thorough records of their livestock and feed losses, including additional expenses for such things as feed

purchases because of lost production and supplies.

“There are extraordinary circumstances caused by a variety of disasters from fires in the west, floods in Florida, Hurricane Isaac in the Gulf region, storms in Mid-Atlantic and drought and heat affecting the heartland,” Garcia said. “Each of these events is causing economic consequences for ranchers and producers including cattle, sheep and dairy operations, bee keepers and farm-raised fish and poultry producers.”

FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including:

- Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses
- Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts
- Costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pastures
- Feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed.

Secretary Vilsack also reminds producers that the department's authority to operate the 5 disaster programs included in the 2008 Farm Bill expired on Sept. 30, 2011. This includes the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP). Production losses due to disasters occurring after Sept. 30, 2011 are not eligible for disaster program coverage.

Congress is currently considering action on these programs for 2012. We will publicize any change in the status of these programs if and when they occur.

Acres Reports for 2013 Crops

2013 and subsequent years' acreage reporting deadlines are:

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

This means your 2013 perennial hay crops, winter wheat, and range reporting deadline is Nov. 15, 2012!

Purchasing NAP Coverage for the 2013 Crop Year

The closing Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) application deadline for biennial and perennial forage crops, regardless of intended use, is Dec. 1, 2012. This includes crops such as wheat hay, grass hay, irrigated meadow pastures, and range. The application fee is \$250 per crop/pay type. Covered crops are those crops for which RMA crop insurance is not offered. This coverage is only for losses in excess of 50% of the normal yield but we certainly have had lot that in 2012.

Attention All Buyer 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 holder's 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 Wyoming Secretary of State's Office at (307) 777-7311.

Emergency Conservation Program Signup in Progress

The deadline to apply for cost share assistance to replace conservation structures destroyed by the recent wildfires or to provide emergency livestock water or haul water due to the drought in Platte County is Sept. 30, 2012.

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