

MARCH 2011

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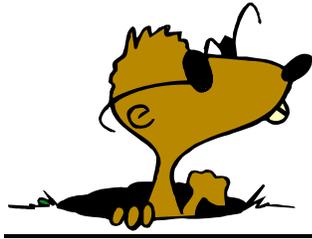
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Jim Hodder
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MOLES:

**Machinery, Operating,
Livestock, Expansion and
Starting Out Loans**

Questions regarding obtaining credit to start or enlarge a farming or ranching operation; financing agricultural operating expenses; livestock and machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, FLM

307.856.7524

2011 Crop Reporting

It's that time of year again; time to file your 2011 crop report. Acreage reports are required for participation in most FSA programs. The deadline for filing crop reports is **July 1, 2011.** This year we are planning off-site days to make the crop reporting process more convenient for you. You will receive an appointment card in the mail. **If you do not receive a card or miss your appointment, please call the office to schedule a time that will work for you.**

Late filed crop reports will be assessed a fee.

We will also be completing other necessary FSA paperwork at this time. We will complete 2010/2011 eligibility paperwork, update address/bank information, NAP APH, 2010 LFP sign-up (Sublette only) and DCP sign-up (Sweetwater only).

Watch for additional information on the dates and times that we schedule. We will hold appointments in Pinedale at the NRCS Office, Big Piney at the Library, Farson at the Firehall and McKinnon at the Weed & Pest Office.



Spring-seeded Crops – NAP Deadline Coming Up!

If you want to purchase NAP insurance on your spring-seeded crops, you must contact the County Office no later than April 1, 2011. Spring-seeded crops include barley and small grain hay crops. There are no late file provisions for purchasing NAP coverage.



Daylight Savings Time
March 13, 2011



Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Provisions

With the 2008 Farm Bill, came new limitations that must be met for producers to participate in USDA programs. Below is a chart that can be used as a quick reference for AGI limitations.

IF average adjusted gross....	THEN the person or legal entity is INELIGIBLE for.....
Non-farm income exceeds \$500,000	All commodity, price support and disaster assistance program benefits. Note: A person or legal entity with average adjusted gross nonfarm income that exceeds \$500,000 is not eligible for marketing loan gains and LDP payments. However, the person or entity is eligible for marketing assistance loans, but the loans must be repaid at principal plus interest or commodity certificates may be exchanged for loan collateral. Applicable programs include: DCP, ACRE, ELAP, LFP, LIP, NAP, SURE, MLG, LDP
Farm income exceeds \$750,000	Direct payments DCP
Non-farm income exceeds \$1 million	All conservation programs benefits, unless at least 66.66% of the average AGI came from farming and ranching operations.

All applicants of FSA/NRCS benefits will be required to complete AGI forms each year for participation. This includes individual members of entities (corporations, LLC, limited partnerships, trusts, estates, etc). In addition to the AGI forms, participants must also sign an IRS consent form for compliance purposes. See page 1 for more information about the IRS consent form.

Payment Limits and Direct Attribution

Program payments are limited by direct attribution to individuals or entities. A legal entity is defined as an entity created under Federal or State law that owns land or an agricultural commodity, product or livestock. Through direct attribution, payment limitation is based on the total payments received by the individual, both directly and indirectly. Qualifying spouses are eligible to be considered separate person for payment limitation purposes, rather than being automatically combined under one limitation.

Program Type	Program	Limit (in dollars)
Commodity Programs	Counter-cyclical & ACRE	65,000 ^{1/}
	Direct payments	40,000 ^{2/}
Conservation Programs	CRP annual rental payment	50,000
	EQIP	300,000
	GRP, WHIP, WRP	50,000
Disaster Assistance Programs	ELAP, LFP, LIP and SURE	100,000
	NAP	100,000
	TAP	100,000

^{1/} Under ACRE, this amount will be combined limitation for counter-cyclical and ACRE payments. If a person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm participating in ACRE, this limitation will reflect and increase for the amount that the direct payments were reduced.

^{2/} If a person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earn on an ACRE farm, this limitation will reflect a 20% reduction in direct payments on each ACRE farm.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Eligible adverse weather events include blizzards, disease, extreme heat or cold, floods and wildfires. Eligible livestock include cattle, sheep, swine, beefalo, buffalo, dairy cattle, elk, alpacas, deer, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry and reindeer. An eligible producer is an individual or entity that is a US citizen or resident alien who had legal ownership (brand) of the eligible livestock on the day that it died. The owner is one who assumes the production and market risks associated with the production of livestock. No person may receive more than \$100,000 in assistance from disaster programs (LIP, ELAP, LFP and SURE). If you believe you may qualify for assistance under LIP, please contact the office.



Notice of Loss

Notice of loss must be filed with the county office no later than 30 days after the loss is apparent. Notice of loss may be filed in person, by phone, fax or email.

Application for Payment

Application for payment must be filed with the county office no later than January 30 of the calendar year following the year that losses were suffered.

What do I need to LIP apply?

What to Bring	How to Bring It
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Beginning inventory ✓ Ending inventory ✓ Normal mortality ✓ Mortality from adverse weather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Trucking receipts ✓ Palpation records ✓ "cow book" date of birth, death, sickness etc. ✓ Vet records ✓ Purchase receipts ✓ Sales receipts ✓ Other records verifying inventory and

Remember that if you are using producer generated records for death, you must have verifiable records showing beginning and/or ending inventory. Verifiable means that they are not producer made records.



Drop the Ball?



Most 2008 Farm Bill disaster assistance programs require a Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR) to be eligible for participation. In most cases, RMPR applies to the whole "farm". Under 2008 Farm Bill rules, the "farm" is all farming/ranching interest in all counties in all states.

RMPR means that eligible producers **must** carry crop insurance on insurable crops (In Wyoming, this includes alfalfa) and NAP insurance on non-insurable crops (native grass hay etc.) Insurable crops must have at least CAT level of coverage.

If you missed the sales closing date for crop insurance or NAP and otherwise qualify for disaster assistance programs, FSA procedure allows you, the producer, to request equitable relief. For equitable relief to be considered by the State Committee, the producer must have made a good faith effort to comply with RMPR requirements.

Producers who failed to meet RMPR requirements for any of the following reasons will not be granted equitable relief

- Intentionally chose not to insure a covered crop under crop insurance or NAP
- Lack of good faith in reporting acreage and/or production
- Ineligibility determinations under RMA or NAP regulations
- Inability to insure acreage because of not paying premiums with crop insurance in a prior year
- Highly erodible and/or wetland, controlled substance violations

If you don't know if you met RMPR requirements for a particular program, please contact the County Office for more information about your situation.

Equitable relief requests should be submitted to the County Committee in a written format. They should explain which parts of RMPR the producer failed to meet, why RMPR requirements were not met and that you would like to be considered for relief.

Should equitable relief be granted, the producer will be responsible for paying the applicable fees associated with coverage, for program participation purposes only.



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WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

- **March 1** – Deadline EXTENSION to file 2010 ELAP losses
- **March 7-10** – *Legislative Conference in D.C.; office closed*
- **April 1** – Deadline to purchase NAP for spring seeded crops (ie. Barley, small grain hay)
- **30 days after apparent** – Deadline to file livestock losses (LIP & ELAP)
- **15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)

Office Closed
March 7-10
Legislative Conference
Washington D.C.



Happy
Patty's
St. Day!