

APRIL 2011

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Hours

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

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MOLES:

Machinery, Operating,
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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:

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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.** Again, 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 can't make 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).

Currently, we are planning the following out-of-office crop reporting days. We will add additional days as needed.

Keep an eye out for your appointment card in the mail!

April 5 – McKinnon Weed & Pest

April 19 – Pinedale NRCS

May 17 – Farson Firehall

June 7 – Big Piney Library



You can also stop by the office in Rock Springs anytime before July 1 to timely file your 2011 crop report. If you call and let us know you are coming in, we will have it ready for you.

DCP/ACRE Erosion & Cover Requirements

If a farm has non-planted cropland that supports DCP base acres, those fields must be protected from wind and water erosion. Weed control measures may have to be implemented to assure program compliance.

If erosion problems exist, the County Committee has the authorization to require treatments such as planting a cover crop or emergency tillage.

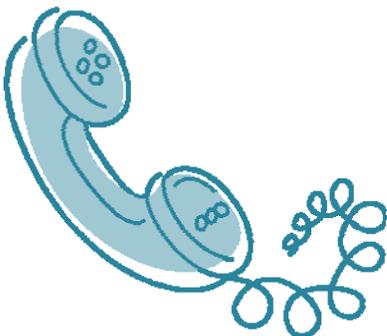
Weed control on DCP acres is required to prevent the spread of weeds. Control measures must be implemented timely to achieve the most effective control of weed growth.



If the COF becomes aware of any potential violations of this rule, we will contact the applicable producers informing them of steps that must be taken in order to be in compliance.



Stay In Touch.....with your County Office Staff!



Remember to call your County Office if you are experiencing anything that isn't "normal" such as drought, heavy snow/rain, extreme heat/cold, higher than normal livestock death loss, higher than

normal feed purchases etc. In many cases there is a limited amount of time for you to report these losses to the County Office to be considered to have a timely filed notice of loss. Remember....we don't know if you don't tell us!

Livestock Programs Available

FSA administers several programs that may be available to assist livestock producers dealing with problems caused by winter weather. To apply for assistance, producers need to document the number and kind of livestock that have died as a direct result of weather. In situations where additional transportation costs are being incurred to feed livestock, producers should document these additional costs.

Among the key programs are the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). For livestock death losses to be eligible under LIP, producers must file a notice of loss with their FSA office within 30 calendar days from when the loss is apparent to the producer.

Contact your FSA office for additional information.



Wolf Woes?

Remember wolf depredation is approved as an eligible loss condition under ELAP for livestock death losses. Normal mortality rates will be applied to the claimed livestock losses.

To be eligible for ELAP benefits the producer must have obtained crop insurance or NAP coverage on ALL acres that they hold an interest in.



Contact the Office for documentation requirements.

NOTICE TO HISPANIC AND/OR WOMEN FARMERS OR RANCHERS

COMPENSATION FOR CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

To register your name to receive a claims packet, call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or visit: www.farmerclaims.gov

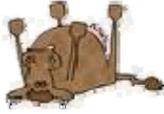
The claims package will have detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.



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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.



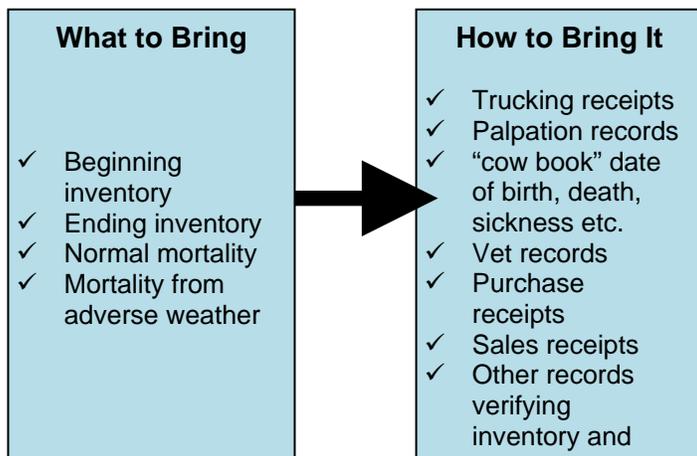
Notice of Loss

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 apply?



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.

Got Beetle Kill?



Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) could help with clearing costs

EFRP provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest land (NIPF) to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by natural disaster.

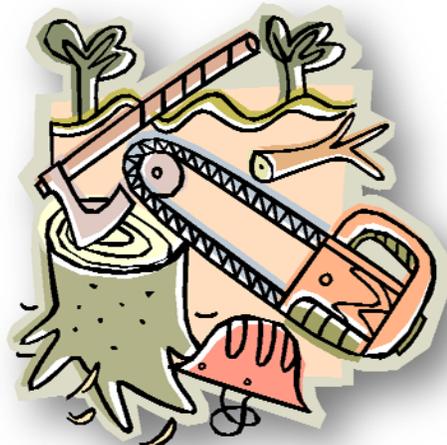
Eligible Lands – NIPF must have existing cover (or had before the natural disaster) and be owned by any nonindustrial private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity. Additionally, damage from the natural disaster, that is untreated, would hurt the natural resources and materially affect the land's future use.

Payments – Program participants can receive up to 75% of the cost to implement approved forest restoration practices. There is a \$500,000 per person or legal entity payment limitation.

- \$50,000 and less may be approved by County Committees
- \$50,001 - \$100,000 may be approved by State Committee
- \$100,000 and greater may be approved by National Office.

If you believe that you may qualify for EFRP assistance please contact the Sweetwater/Sublette County Office for more information. Program funds have to be requested and approved by the National Office so its important to know how many potential applicants there are in Sweetwater and Sublette Counties.

More information can be found online at FSA's website at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov> and www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.





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- **April 5** – Crop reporting appointments – McKinnon Weed & Pest
- **April 19** – Crop reporting appointments – Pinedale NRCS
- **May 17** – Crop reporting appointments – Farson Firehall
- **June 1** – Deadline to file DCP contracts
- **June 7** – Crop reporting appointments – Big Piney Library
- **July 1** – Deadline to file 2011 crop reports
- **30 days after apparent** – Deadline to file livestock losses (LIP & ELAP)
- **15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)



**As spring comes,
make sure to notify
us if you experience any
flood damage.**

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