



# Sweetwater/Sublette County & News

**MAY 2011**

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Hours

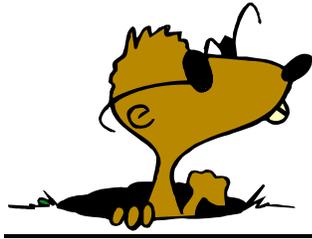
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Jim Hodder  
Bob Anderson  
Penny Chrisman  
Vacant

Office Personnel

Jennifer Dutton, CED  
Bonnie Hueckstaedt, PT  
Mike Hoffland, DD



**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.** 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).

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



**May 17 – Farson Firehall  
May 18 – Bonnie's House  
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 Deadline Fast Approaching



2011 DCP/ACRE sign-up is available to producers through June 1, 2011. Please stop by the office to sign-up for direct payments. Producers in the Farson area will also be able to sign DCP contracts at the Farson crop reporting day on May 17 & 18, 2011.

**"I love deadlines. I especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by."** ~Douglas Adams

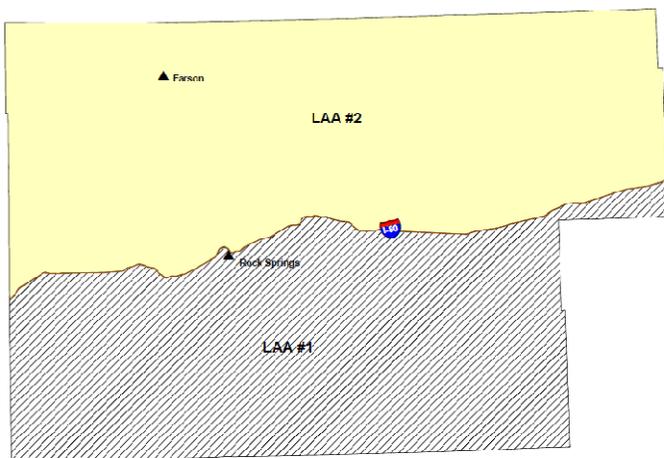


If you have **NOT** turned in your 2010 actual production, please do so ASAP. Your 2010 production will be combined with previous years' production to calculate an APH for 2011 NAP policies.

Actual hay production is used to calculate your NAP APH (actual production history) which will be used to calculate your payment should there be a disaster in the coming years. If you fail to report production for just one year it could significantly lower your APH and your potential payment!

Actual production evidence should include bale count, average weight, and type of hay. The statement should be signed and dated by the producer.

**Deadline to submit 2010 actual production is July 1! (Signature required)**



## Farmers & Ranchers

### Serving

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The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is important that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

2011 Elections will be held in 2 Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAA #3 in Sublette County is currently vacant; this area is east of US 191. LAA#1 in Sweetwater County is currently represented by Bob Anderson, this area is south of I-80.

Please contact the office for a nomination form. Nominations are due to the County Office no later than August 1, 2011.

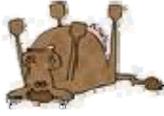
*"The margin is narrow,  
but the responsibility is clear."*

*~ JFK*

*Make your voice heard, vote in your COC Election!*

## 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.



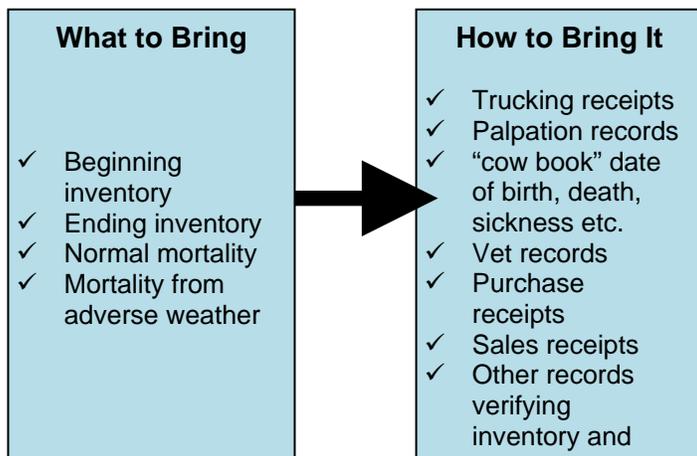
### Notice of Loss

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.

## Lender of First Opportunity

How can we help you?



FSA is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to family-size farmers and

ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Our loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,112,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it.

Direct and Guaranteed loans are available to assist Wyoming farmers and ranchers. For more information about FSA loan programs visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> or contact Brian Harrell at the Fremont County FSA office at (307) 856-7524.



### IMPORTANT!

Due to budget crisis that FSA and the federal government are facing, monthly newsletters will no longer be mailed. Quarterly newsletters will be mailed.

**Please sign up for the email version so that you know what is going on!**



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**WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER**

- **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)



**Office closed  
in observance of  
Memorial Day  
May 30**

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