



Sweetwater/Sublette County E-News

JULY 2011

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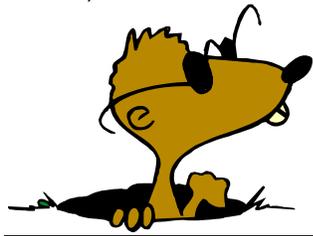
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

Thank you!

For making your appointments!

Thank you to all the producers who made it to their crop reporting appointments or called to reschedule. This helps to make your visits with us as convenient and efficient as possible. We know you are busy and want to be easy to work with!



Monthly Newsletter Update

Due to the continuing budget cutbacks that FSA and the federal government are facing, the Sweetwater/Sublette County office will no longer mail monthly newsletters to producers. Mailed newsletters will be quarterly.

To better serve you, the customer, the County Office staff will continue monthly newsletters by email. Monthly e-newsletters and quarterly print newsletters can be accessed online at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=wy&area=home&subject=nele&topic=landing>.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, but we continue striving to provide you with the best possible service under cutbacks.

**COC NOMINATIONS DUE
AUGUST 1, 2011**

WE WANT YOU!

To nominate and vote in the 2011 COC election



It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm and ranch community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a vital component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

Important Election Dates

August 1, 2011: Last day to file nomination forms at the local FSA Office.

November 4, 2011: Ballots mailed to eligible voters.

December 5, 2011: Last day to return ballots to the local FSA Office.

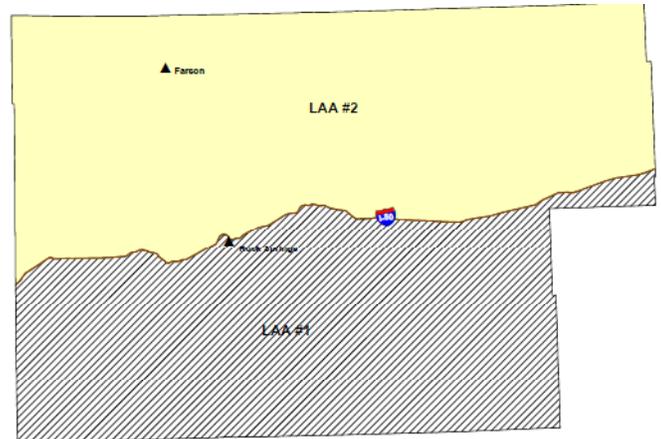
January 1, 2012: Elected committee members and alternates take office.

Eligibility to Hold Office

- Participate or cooperate in an FSA program
- Be eligible to vote in the COC election
- Reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate
- NOT have been removed/disqualified from office as a COC member, alternate or employee
- NOT have been removed for cause from any public office
- NOT have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
- NOT have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services

2011 LAAs Holding Elections

- Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1 will be holding an election this year.
- Sweetwater County, south of Interstate 80.
- Position is currently held by Bob Anderson of McKinnon



- Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3 will be holding an election this year.
- Sublette County, east of US Hwy 191.
- Position is currently vacant.



Be sure to fill out a nomination form and return it to the County Office before August 1, 2011!

C-CRP

Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

Producers can apply to enroll small acreages of eligible cropland or marginal pastureland in CRP under the continuous sign-up. Participants agree to establish approved conservation practices on the eligible land and remove the land from agricultural production in exchange for annual rental payments for the term of the contract, which usually is 10-15 years.

A 50% cost-share payment is available to help with the cost of completing approved conservation practices. There is an additional 40% cost-share incentive payment for some practices. Other incentives that the producer may qualify for include sign-up incentive payments and annual maintenance payments.



Practices that can be approved under the C-CRP program include, but are not limited to: field windbreaks, shallow water areas for wildlife, shelterbelt establishment and riparian buffers.



Filing for NAP Losses

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting. It may be completed by any producer with an interest in the covered crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for ALL CROPS INCLUDING GRASSES. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576 in the County FSA Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

Even if you believe your losses are less than 50%, you can still file a notice of loss as there may be other programs available to provide loss assistance, at a later date.

Spring Flooding

As the threat of flood damage continues in southwest Wyoming, the County Office would like you to be aware of programs that may provide assistance to producers who suffer damage from flooding.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

ECP is administered by local FSA committees and is subject to funding availability. The program provides cost-share assistance to producers to rehabilitate farmland that has been damaged by natural disasters.



Cost-share assistance can be up to 75% of the actual implementation costs. ECP assistance can be used for, but not limited to, debris removal, grading, shaping or leveling land to return to agricultural use, replacing fences, replacing headgates, flumes and repairing ditches.

If you experience damage from high water, please notify the County Office asap. We will need to come out and document the damage for our ECP request and files.

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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 **WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER**

- **July 1** – Deadline to file 2011 crop reports
- **July 4** – Independence Day; office closed
- **August 1** – Deadline to file election nomination forms
- **November 1** – Ballots mailed to eligible voters for 2011 COC election
- **30 days after apparent** – Deadline to file livestock losses (LIP & ELAP)
- **15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)
- **Anytime** – abnormal weather conditions including drought, flood etc.



HAPPY JULY 4TH

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