

AUGUST 2011

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Hours

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

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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

Stack 'em, Count 'em, Report 'em Keep Your APH up in case of disaster conditions!

While it's still fresh in your mind, swing by the office, (or send in), and report your 2011 hay production. Your 2011 production will be combined with previous years' production to calculate an APH for 2012 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.

Additionally, if you missed turning in past years' production you can "replace" those missed years by turning in the production records from those years. The production will be applied for the 2012 APH.



HayNET

The Farm Service Agency's (FSA) electronic Hay Net Ad Service (eHay Net) is an Internet based service allowing farmers and ranchers to share "Need Hay" and "Have Hay" ads online.

If you have extra hay that you would like to sell or are looking to buy hay, this is an excellent resource for farmers and ranchers across the U.S.

To access FSA HayNet, go to www.fsa.usda.gov and type "Hay Net" into the search box in the upper left-hand corner of the homepage.

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.

NAP & Your Hay Crop

If meadows that were intended for use as forage (hay) suffer from a disaster condition it is imperative that you contact the office prior to harvest or grazing the acreage. Acres that were intended to be hayed, but are instead grazed due to disaster conditions are eligible to be appraised in order to calculate your expected NAP payment.

Appraisals should be done prior to grazing the acreage. If grazing takes place first, then the producer must establish representative sample areas per instruction from FSA adjuster personnel. Failure to do so will result in the payment being made using the AUD grazing method.



Actual Production History

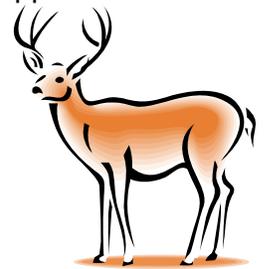
Software updates have finally arrived in the County Office. We have entered all actual production reports from the 2010 hay crop. If you would like a copy of your APH calculations for the 2011 NAP year, please contact the County Office.

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.

IRS Forms

REMINDER: Any person, entity or entity member MUST file a CCC-927 and/or CCC-928 with the IRS to be in compliance.

If you did not file the IRS form for the 2009 and/or 2010 year, you may be required to pay back payments that have been earned.

We have a list of producers who haven't filed or there are problems with your filed paperwork. If you think you may not be in compliance with the IRS filing requirement, contact the County Office immediately.

Was Your Grass Gone?

Livestock Forage Program

Livestock Forage Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought or fire on fire between January 1, 2008 and October 1, 2011.

Applications will only be accepted by the County Office after being notified by National Office of a qualifying drought. A qualifying drought is determined by the US Drought Monitor according to the following:

- 🌱 D2 any area for 8 consecutive weeks = 1 month payment
- 🌱 D3 any area at anytime = 2 months payment
- 🌱 D3, any area for 4 weeks = 3 months payment
- 🌱 D4 any area at anytime = 3 months payment

Drought eligibility criteria also require that the drought must have occurred on:

- 🌱 Native or improved permanent vegetative cover
- 🌱 Small grains or forage sorghum planted specifically for grazing

Losses due to drought must occur during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land.

A qualifying fire must have

- 🔥 Occurred on federal rangeland
- 🔥 Prohibited producer from grazing permitted livestock

Covered livestock include beef cattle, buffalo/beefalo, dairy cattle, alpaca, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine that are maintained for commercial use. Eligible livestock can include those that were sold due to drought or fire in the current production year or the previous 2 production years.

Producers are required to have NAP to be eligible for LFP benefits.

Eligible acreage will be determined by intended use as certified by the producer on the annual crop report **It is very important these reflect the actual harvest methods being used**

Sublette County qualifies for 2010 losses. If you had 2010 NAP, you qualify for assistance. All loss claims must be filed by **October 4, 2011**. There are no late-file provisions. Please contact the County Office immediately if you have not filed an application and would like to do so.



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**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**

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- **September 5** – Labor Day; office closed
- **October 4** - Deadline to file 2010 LFP applications (Sublette only)
- **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 Labor Day
office closed
September 5*

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